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## Hundreds Die In Egypt as **Blazing Fuel** Floods Town

Wind and Rain Collapse Storage Tank Bridge, Triggering Explosion

By Chris Hedges

New York Times Service

CAIRO — More than 200 people were
tilled Wednesday after streams of blazing
fiel raced through the streets of a village

plowing the overturning of huge storage inks in heavy rains and severe flash flooding according to senior security officials. The mud-walled village of Drunka, 325 kilometers (200 miles) south of Cairo, site of a military fuel complex containing eight units holding 15,000 tons of motor and aircraft fuel, was the center of the disaster.

The torrential winds and flash flooding

apparently collapsed a bridge over the complex. The structure overturned some of the tanks as it fell, triggering an explosion and sending rivers of burning fuel into

Floodwaters spread the flames rapidly through the streets, razing more than 200 houses and leaving scores of families homeless, security officials said.

Thousands of people sought refuge in the southern provincial capital of Asyut, officials reached by phone said. And 12 hours after the disaster, officials said they

were still trying to put out the fires.

Egyptian television showed stunned residents of the town of 18,000 walking through knee-deep puddles as clouds of black smoke obscured the damaged

It was one of the worst natural disasters in Egypt since an earthquake killed more than 400 people in 1992.

"The official death toll has risen because after the fires were controlled we were able to go into homes and recover the bodies," the governor of Asynt Province, Samih Saced, told Egyptian television.

He said that 147 people had died in the

polosion that took place after the collapse of the main bridge to the complex at 6:30 A.M. Officials said it was still too early to determine the total death toll

Hospital officials in Asym said more than 410 people had been killed in the fire and flooding. And one health official said taken to Asyut hospitals and another 122

corpses were still in the town. The flash flooding killed another 63 people in southern Egypt, according to securi-

Mohammed Abdel-Mohsen Saleh, a member of Parliament from the area, criticized the government for placing the fuel storage area close to a residential area.

The tanks are operated by a subsidiary of the state-run Egyptian General Petroleum Corp. Company officials in Cairo refused to comment on the disaster, but said they were investigating it.

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# New Priority in Mideast: Making Money

By Alan Friedman

PARIS -- For more than a generation, the legitimacy of governments in the Middle East was shaped in large part by the geopolitics of the Arab-Israeli con-

Now, after the epochal business summit meeting just concluded in Casablan-ca, a different policy imperative has begun to reassert itself among governments in the Middle East and North Africa: making money.

The meeting, to be sure, was bound to be more upbeat and symbolic than substantive, following as it did the peace accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Israel and

Yet, as John Page, the World Bank's chief economist for the Middle East and North Africa region, put it. "the event

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itself was the substance by virtue of getting together businessmen from more than 1,000 companies and officials from more than 60 countries, and by virtue of the ease with which they were talking to

Beyond this kind of morale-boosting rhetoric, however, lies a politico-economic reality that offers both peril and

promise to those who want to see stability in this troubled region.

Put simply, between now and the year 2000, many billions of dollars in aid are likely to flow to the region from the European Union, the United States and multilateral institutions. The motives for the aid vary, ranging from the European desire to stanch immigration and the spread of Islamic fundamentalism by fostering more prosperity, to the U.S. goal of making economic growth so attractive that it reduces the likelihood of military conflict between Israel and its

But aid alone is not the answer. If the economic side of the peace process is to See MONEY, Page 4



AN OBJECTION -- Jordanian opposition leaders at the Islamic Action Front office in Amman, where they vowed Wednesday to oppose the treaty with Israel peacefully. From left: Ali Ammr, Issa Moudanat, Mohammed Anida.

# U.S. Steps In to Halt Dollar's Steep Slide

#### But Other Countries Stand Aside, Fueling Doubt Rebound Can Last

By Carl Gewirtz

With the dollar falling to another post-war low against the yen, the United States intervened unilaterally in foreign exchange markets on Wednesday to support its cur-

The Federal Reserve bought dollars at least three times after trading in Europe and Asia had already ended, braking the fall of the currency against the yen and the

But analysts remained skeptical that the surprise move to bolster the sagging dollar would have a lasting effect on its value.

The U.S. Treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, speaking after the intervention began, remarked that the dollar's weakness was "inconsistent with the fundamentals of a strong investment-led recovery in the

The repeated intervention by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which acts at the direction of the Treasury, lifted the dollar from a low of 96.10 yen. Intervention against the Deutsche mark lifted the dollar from a low of 1.4910 DM.

The dollar closed in New York at 1.5154 DM, up from 1.4948 on Tuesday, and at 97.65 yen, up from 96.65. The dollar rose to 5.1900 French francs from 5.1190 and to 1.2635 Swiss francs from 1.2458. The pound weakened to \$1.6230 from \$1.6335.

The U.S. intervention came less than two weeks after remarks by Mr. Bentsen, made during a campaign trip in Seattle, triggered a sharp slump in the dollar. Although he sought to clarify his position just a few hours later, noting that the United States wanted to see a stronger dollar, Mr. Bentsen sent currency markets into a feeding frenzy on Oct. 20 by saying, "We have no plans to intervene." In recent days the dollar has continued to trade

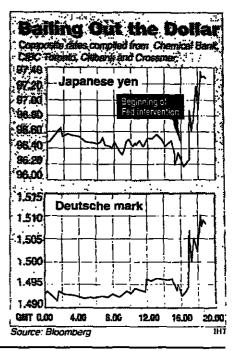
Analysts said that without coordinated participation from other leading central banks and without a significant change in policy - a coordinated rise in U.S. interest rates and a lowering of German and Japanese rates — the U.S. action could only be seen as a stalling operation aimed at slowing the dollar's decline rather than as an attempt to lift the dollar.

The dollar's fall and the intervention were linked, analysts said, to the failure on Monday of U.S.-Japanese trade talks aimed at opening Japan's market for flat glass. An agreement in principle had been settle the deal, analysts said, fueled worries that the U.S. government would seek to pressure Japan by encouraging a dollar decline that would put upward pressure on

But Mr. Bentsen sought to allay that sentiment on Wednesday, saying "the administration is committed to sound economic policies that expand the economy's capacity and sustain recovery with low inflation."

"Continuation of recent foreign exchange trends would be counterproductive for the United States and the world economy." he said. "A stronger dollar will reduce inflation pressures, improve Ameri-

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## 13 Radicals Killed in Raids After Algiers Colonel Is Slain

ALGIERS - Fundamentalist guerrillas shot and killed the military commander of Algiers on Wednesday, triggering raids in which government troops killed 13 armed

Colonel Cherif Dielloul was slain while discussing the surrender of nine guerrillas surrounded by security forces in a 15-story building, the official Algerian news agency

APS said, quoting security officials.

He was the highest-ranking army officer officially reported killed in a battle with militants in nearly three years of civil strife

in the country. Colonel Djelloul was unarmed when he was "murdered in cowardly fashion," the statement said.

After the colonel was killed, troops stormed the Lafayette Tower building and killed nine guerrillas, including a Muslim rebel woman, APS said. Earlier reports had suggested women may have been taken hostage by the rebels but later reports said they were guerrillas.

The raid took place after a 36-hour

Kiosk

siege, officials told APS. Residents were evacuated from the block, they added A short distance away, security forces raided another house, killing four armed militants, APS said.

A woman was among the four guerrillas who were killed in the second house after they rejected a demand by security forces for their surrender, APS said.

The drama began Tuesday with a shootout between fundamentalists and security forces in the bustling Telemly Boulevard district, prompting the police to seal off the area. Media reports said four armed fundamentalists, including their leader, who was known as Flicha, were killed in the shootout on Tuesday. Officials gave no details of the raid.

After the shootout, a group of militants took refuge in the nearby Lafayette building. Elite troops and police rushed the building on Wednesday. The guerrillas had threatened to blow up the building and the two girls they claimed to be holding hos-

The government's operation, involving large numbers of hooded special troops and police, began Tuesday, the day a bomb attack blamed on Muslim radicals killed four children attending a ceremony in a cemetery in the west Algerian coastal town of Mostaganem. Initial reports had said five children had died.

The independent daily El Watan said the attack at the cemetery was apparently intended to kill the prefect of the district around Mostaganem, 280 kilometers (170 miles) west of Algiers, and the military and police chiefs and soldiers who were at the ceremony to mark the 40th anniversary of the start of the war for independence from

The bombing was denounced by an exiled spokesman of the Islamic Salvation Front, which was outlawed in March 1992. two months after the military canceled the second round of general elections that the fundamentalist movement had been poised to win.

In a statement released in Bonn, the Islamic Salvation Front said that it "attacks and energetically condemns this disgraceful killing and the cowards who carried it out."

Reuters reported earlier from Paris: Interior Minister Charles Pasqua of France welcomed Wednesday the announcement by President Liamine Zeroual of Algeria of presidential elections next year in Algeria.

His remarks contrasted with the Foreign Ministry's refusal to comment on the election plan, highlighting again differences in Paris over policy toward Algeria.

"I think everything that leads to the ballot box is positive," Mr. Pasqua said in a France 3 television interview. "I never believed there could be a real agreement between the current leaders and the Islamic Salvation Front," he said. "Is this the way? I hope so."

#### Case of the Fake Fax Sets Stiff Upper Lips Atremble government of John Major, Mr. Major himself; Betty Boothroyd, speaker of the House of Commons and star By Fred Barbash his political life.

LONDON - "The Case of the Cod Fax" is what they're calling it, and Parliament was consumed with it on Wednesday.

Indeed, the Conservative Party members of the House of Commons are thrilled with it, because it has succeeded in putting the British press on trial along with them, if not

The plot: a fax sent by The Guardian on the letterhead of the House of Commons in order to obtain information without exposing a source.

The translation: "Cod" is British slang for fake. The characters are a minister in the Conservative

of C-Span; Peter Preston, editor of The Guardian, and the owner of Harrods, Mohamed al Fayed.

A brief synopsis: In January, The Guardian started an investigation into payments and freebies to MPs from individuals with an interest in parliamentary business. The paper's investigation, and another by The Times of London, opened up a rich vein of what headline writers and opposition Labor Party politicians alike are calling

So far, two ministers in Mr. Major's government have resigned following allegations they did favors in exchange for favors; another two are under investigation

for same, and a third, Jonathan Aitken, is struggling for

The Guardian accused Mr. Aitken, chief secretary of the Treasury, of vacationing at the Ritz Hotel in Paris, courtesy of a Saudi Arabian businessman, Said Mohammed Ayas. Mr. Aitken has denied the charge, saying he paid his bill in full.

Among the paper's exhibits, which convinced it to run its story, was a copy of Mr. Aitken's bill at the hotel. The question arose: How did the paper obtain the bill? It turned out that it obtained the bill from the owner of the Ritz, Mohamed al Fayed, the same man who owns Harrods; the same man who two weeks ago went public

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# Texas Good Ol' Girl Politics

## Richards Likens Her Opponent, Bush, To a Whiny and Ungrateful Husband

By Maureen Dowd

New York Times Service DALLAS - On this Sunday afternoon, the Cowboys are playing Cincinnati, and there's hardly a man in sight. So Ann Richards gets down to some serious girl

At a lunch with a couple of hundred black women, the governor spots a friend who is wearing a bandage over a torn ligament and red high heels.

"The older you get, the less you have to pretend" she drawis, urging the woman to get rid of those "silly" shoes. "You think those high heels are going to make a difference? I don't care how sharp looking those are, he's still going to mess around, Hel-

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The crowd goes nuts, screaming and whistling and whooping.

There are moments when Ms. Richards looks tense, and when her tone seems more valedictory than voracious. But there are other moments when watching the 61year-old Democratic governor is like watching a vintage sports car. In the homestretch, she has been working her base of blacks and Hispanic people and women

In her smart pink suit and Lone Star brooch at the gathering of Dallas "good of" girls," as she puts it, she revs up her engine and heads straight for her 48-year-old Republican rival, George W. Bush, son of former President George Bush.

"Every single one of you in this room knows what it's like to work like a dog to move things forward and then have some whiner come in there," she says, affecting a whiny voice, "and say. This isn't right, that isn't right."

Now, with the women on their feet cheering, Ms. Richards shifts into high "And how many of you have had a real busy day at work or doing some volunteer

job or getting everything ready at school for the big PTA meeting," she says. "And See TEXAS, Page 4



LIKE OLD TIMES — Demonstrators outside the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Wednesday, marking the 15th anniversary of its takeover. In Paris, three Iranians accused of the Bakhtiar murder went on trial. Page 4.

## **Abortion Doctor's**

#### **Killer Convicted** PENSACOLA, Florida (AP) — A for-mer minister was convicted of murder

Wednesday in the shotgun slayings of an abortion doctor and volunteer escort. The jury deliberated just 20 minutes before finding Paul Hill, 40, guilty. He could receive life in prison or death in the electric chair.

After being barred by the judge from arguing that the slayings were justifiable homicide to save the lives of fetuses, Mr. Hill, acting as his own lawyer, put up no defense. He asked no questions and made no statements.

The jury will return for the penalty phase on Thursday. Mr. Hill was also convicted of attempted murder for wounding a second volunteer escorting the doctor during the

July 29 attack.

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By Joseph Fitchett

l Herald Tribune PARIS — Urging more aggressive use of NATO warplanes to back up Security Council resolutions in Bosnia, U.S. officials said Wednesday that air power could make a critical difference in spurring Bosnia's Serbs to seek peace before the fighting escalates again.

But the officials voiced frustration about the reaction to the Clinton administration's position in major European capitals, which still support the United Nations in objecting to military

This new chapter of trans-Atlantic disagreement about Bosnia burst into the open Wednesday with the disclosure of a letter in which Sir Michael Rose, the British lieutenant general in command of the UN peacekeeping forces, voiced his reluctance to call in North Atlantic Treaty Organization air strikes against Bosnian Serbs.

By its conciliatory tone, the letter - sent Sept. 30 but just published by The Times of London contradicts the thrust of a UN-NATO accord "contact group" of five mediating nations: the

against artillery near Sarajevo.
U.S. officials were infuriated by the tenor of this private message to General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serbian forces, sent as Washington was urging allied governments to close ranks behind a tougher policy aimed at isolating the Bosnian Serbs.

"It talks to them the same way the UN is acting toward them, all carrot and no stick," a NATO official said.

Defending his views in a separate letter to The Times published in the same issue, General Rose argued that the UN mission was "principally one of peacekeeping, not peace enforcement," contending that his team's work had succeeded because "central Bosnia is fast returning to

At NATO, allied governments have embraced the Clinton administration's view that the time is ripe for sharper use of air power in order to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to reach a settlement, roughly along the lines proposed by the

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

lawyer and spy trader who brokered freedom for 33,755

East German political prisoners in exchange for \$2.3 billion paid to the Communists by

the West German government

went on trial Wednesday on

charges of belping the secret

police blackmail former cli-

ents into leaving houses and

property behind.
Wolfgang Vogel, 69, who became a millionaire and was

a respected confidant of lead-

ers on both sides of the Berlin

Wall until its collapse five

years ago made his services

unnecessary, is the most prominent East German pri-vate citizen to be charged with

knowingly taking part in criminal wrongdoing by the

Prosecutors accused him of

being an employee of the Min-

istry of State Security from

1953 to 1989, a charge Mr. Vogel denies despite secret

police files that show that he

collaborated extensively with

The prosecutors are pursu-

ing him separately for more

than 9.5 million Deutsche

marks (\$6.3 million) in taxes

that they say he should have paid to East Germany on in-

come he got from the West

German government and cli-

Mr. Vogel, now retired, in-

sisted that the official require-

ment that people wanting to leave East Germany had to

sell or leave behind their property was not his doing. When

ents during the 1980s.

Communist regime.

them for decades.

BERLIN - A Cold War

last week to mete out harsher punishment United States, Britain, France, Germany and ground develop the view that the conflict has no

As a U.S. official put it, "the contact group is only conceivable way to get a solution in real time" —a phrase referring to worries that time is running out for keeping sanctions on Belgrade.
But the same allied governments also have largely acquiesced in the contrasting UN view along the lines that, in a civil war too bloody to control, the best the rest of the world can hope to do is provide humanitarian relief and hope that it

In one respect, the Clinton administration and European governments share the same hopeful assessment: that the war may be slowly grinding to a hait, mainly because Belgrade has started pressing the Serbs in Bosnia to settle. How to capitalize on this moment, however,

at least lessens the conflict's impact in the West.

euphemistically, "the two cultures" inherent in such different organizations as NATO and the United Nations. In contrast to NATO, UN commanders on the

has revived a split between what officials call,

good side and no "enemy" to be beaten.

For example, UN headquarters in Bosnia does our top priority and enhanced air power is the no intelligence gathering, a commander explained recently, because advance warning is irrelevant for peacekeepers with no intention of taking countermeasures.

This gap in mentalities between NATO and the UN system, several officials said, helps explain why it has proved so difficult to achieve cooperation on the ground.

"In the Security Council, governments are deliberately vague; at NATO, the same governments have to be specific," according to a West-

The result, he said, is "a dual-key system which in effect means a double veto, so action rarely gets taken in Bosnia."

Most vetoes have come from the UN hierarchy. But the most recent calls for NATO air strikes - to halt the current Muslim offensive were rejected by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher on the grounds that the Bosnian Serbs have been the overall aggressors in the war.

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terest of the State Security

Ministry in mind, the prosecu-

tors insist. His former notarial assistant, Erika Dörrfeld, is a

get a fair trial from the inde-

pendent judiciary, if not from

prosecutors content to let

themselves be described in the

press as out to get me," the grave, gray-haired Mr. Vogel

said after the judges an-nounced a five-day adjourn-

ment only 90 minutes into the

This was to give the defense

time to respond to a shrunken

29-page charge sheet with the

21 remaining cases that was handed over to Mr. Vogel's

lawyers, but not made public,

by the prosecutors only Wednesday morning. Mr. Vo-gel was arrested in July 1993

and released on bail of 3.5

million DM last January. He

also faces a charge of perjury

The trial is expected to last

through February in the dis-

trict court next to Berlin's

Moabit jail, where Mr. Vogel

The gloomy second-floor courtroom, No. 500, was the

same one where Erich Hon-

ecker, the late East German

leader, briefly stood trial on

charges of bearing responsi-

bility for the deaths of hun-

dreds of East Germans who

tried to escape across the

Altogether, Mr. Vogel faces

spent six months.

in one of the property cases.

proceedings Wednesday.

"I am convinced that I will

co-defendant.

#### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Yeltsin Weighs a Cabinet Reshuffle

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The head of Russia's lower house of Parliament said Wednesday he had discussed with President Boris N. Yeltsin a need for urgent government changes, Interfax news

The State Duma chairman, Ivan Rybkin, said a cabinet reshuffle would take one or two weeks, but gave no further details. It was not clear if Mr. Yeltsin, who has the power to dismiss ministers. had agreed to specific cabinet changes.

Mr. Rybkin told Interfax that talks with Mr. Yeltsin on Wednesday had brought up an "extremely urgent need to renew the makeup of the government." Last week, the Duma turned back a no-confidence motion in the government of Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin.

#### Rabin Rejects Dialogue With Hamas

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel came out firmly Wednesday against any dialogue with the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, after two ministers urged talks with moderate Muslims. "Hamas is the enemy of peace and there is only way to deal with it: by waging a merciless war," he told state radio.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal proposed a dialogue, despite a string of attacks claimed by the fundamentalist group last month - especially the Oct. 19 bus attack in Tel Aviv that killed 23. including the spicide bomber — and threats of more attacks to

"The government is wrong to reject Hamas wholesale," Mr. Shahal said at a meeting of Labor Party members in Parliament. picking up on a call by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin last week for talks with Hamas moderates who have voiced interest in contacts with Israel.

#### New Yorker Writer Cleared of Libel

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Janet Malcolm, a New Yorker, writer, was cleared Wednesday of libel in a story about a psyches analyst who accused her of making up quotations.

In a trial last year, a jury had found Ms. Malcolm guilty of libel against Jeffrey Masson but deadlocked on the issue of damages, effectively nullifying the entire proceeding.

The U.S. District Court jury ruled Wednesday that two of the five challenged quotations in the article were false. But the panel also found that Mr. Masson failed to prove Ms. Malcolm deliberately for medically falsified the statements.

ately or recklessly falsified the statements.

#### Estonian Ship's Master Found Drunk

STOCKHOLM (AP) - An Estonian-flagged freighter was forced to anchor briefly outside Stockholm's harbor after the captain was discovered to be drunk, officials said Wednesday. The ship, the Donata, and its crew had been chartered by the Estline shipping company, owner of the ferry Estonia, which capsized in the Baltic Sea on Sept. 28, killing more than 900 people. The company plans to launch a new passenger ferry next

Swedish authorities halted the Donata shortly after it sailed from Stockholm's harbor and headed toward Tallinn, Estonia, Tuesday night. The vessel was allowed to leave Wednesday morning, with a different captain. The Swedish news agency TT said Estline's owners, trying to polish the company's image, were dismayed over the incident with the drunken captain. "Had it been our crew, this would not have happened," Hans Laidwa, Estline's press officer, was quoted as saying.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Paris Airport-TGV Link Inaugurated

PARIS (Reuters) — Planes and high-speed trains, two trad-

Officials inaugurated a futuristic station for high-speed TGV trains at Charles de Gaulle airport. It will allow TGV passengers to skirt Paris, 50 kilometers to the south. Local express trains will also link the airport station to the city center, ending shuttle-bus runs from the existing suburban train station.

In an early stage after the new airport station is opened to the public on Nov. 13, 14 daily TGV trains will link the airport to

effect in 120 days. Japan Air Lines announced a frequent-flyer program with American Airlines following a similar move in October by All Nippon

Airlines and six other carriers. Jakarta plans to revive on-the-spot push-ups as punishment for

## East German Spy Trader Goes on Trial

**Evidence Suggests** Strafer May Face New Charge

Clinton Was Target,

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches or protest, but specifically to WASHINGTON — Prosekili the president. cutors are considering charging a Colorado man with attempted Mr. Duran is accused of firing 27 shots from a semiautoassassination after finding new matic rifle at the White House. No one was injured.

David Millis, a former coevidence indicating that he in-tended to kill President Bill Clinton when he fired on the worker of Mr. Duran's at the White House, an official said

Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Wedgesday. Springs, Colorado, where the The official who is familiar pect works as an upholster. with the investigation, said tessaid that Mr. Duran had said he was "going to take out the presitimony from a former co-worker and papers found in the truck Mr. Millis, 20, who said he of the suspect, Francisco Marknew Mr. Duran about seven tin Duran, had prosecutors "looking at broadening the charges" against him even though Mr. Clinton was no-

months, said: "He used to talk a lot about

the government, how it had screwed him over," adding "and stuff like assassinating the president. I didn't think he was serious. I thought he was full of hot air.' Among the papers law en-forcement officials found were

a map with the words "kill the president — but he abbreviated the word president," said a law enforcement official. Some Treasury officials were

initially skeptical that there was enough evidence to warrant charging Mr. Duran with an assassination attempt because the unman aimed at the White House, not the president. FBI evidence and testimony have officials believed, however, that the written material indicated erations by suggesting that Mr. Mr. Duran's intent in firing at Duran had come to Washingthe White House, sources said.



Wolfgang Vogel before his trial began Wednesday.

he helped arrange sales for cli-the judges ruled. Mr. Vogel, ents who were leaving, he said, they said, did not have the he often did not know who the buyers were.

The three-judge court that opened his trial Wednesday gave considerable credence to that defense two months ago when it threw out 32 counts of the original 738-page, 53count indictment.

The defendant Vogel was a high-ranking instrument, not a decision-maker of the Ministry for State Security," power to decide who could leave East Germany and who had to stay, as the prosecutors charged, and could not be accused of blackmailing people who came to him asking if gifts of money or property to the state could get them out.

Bernhard Brocher, one of the prosecutors, said Wednesday they had appealed the ruling. Mr. Vogel was not the imprisonment of up to 15 independent advocate his cli- years if convicted.

gation to an economic development conference in Belfast in December organized by Prime

Then in April, Mr. Clinton will invite representatives of the According to a White House Irish and British governments, announcement, the U.S. contri- political leaders from both bution to the International De- countries and the American velopment Fund for Ireland business community to an inwill increase by \$10 million a vestment conference in Phila-

tional rivals, were united Wednesday for their mutual benefit at the French capital's main airport in a new arrangement to cut travel time for passengers of both.

Lyon to the south and Lille to the north. Air France, the main operator at Charles de Gaulle, said it expected to agree soon with the state railroad, SNCF, to issue joint rail-air tickets. The United States, Canada and Australia have agreed to ban

smoking on all flights between the three countries, the U.S. Transportation Department announced. The ban will go into

iavwalkers, a city official said. The punishment set off protests by the Legal Aid Institute when it was imposed in 1991. (Reuters)

Quartas Airways will offer sightseeing flights over Antarctica for the first time in 15 years. The airline said it intended to operate six charter flights out of Melbourne from New Year's Eve to February using a Bocing 747-300. It suspended such flights soon after an Air New Zealand DC-10 crashed into the side of the Mount Erebus volcano in November 1979, killing 257 people.

# U.S. Dangles Financial Aid Carrot to Keep Ulster Truce Going

where in sight during the shoot-

ing Saturday. Mr. Duran, 26, was bound

over Wednesday for trial on

four charges that were filed

against him Monday. A magis-

trate ordered him held without

bond on the charges: possession

of a firearm by a convicted fel-

on, destruction of government

property, resisting a federal of-

ficer while armed and unlawful

use of a firearm during the com-

to 35 years in prison and \$1

Officials said the additional

significantly altered their delib-

ton not merely to get attention

If convicted, he could face up

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million in fines.

WASHINGTON — In an effort to encourage the peace process in Northern Ireland, the administration has announced a modest increase in U.S. financial aid to Northern Ireland and

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plus dissertation period.

President Bill Clinton will host an Irish trade and development

conference in April. The economic incentive package is intended to be "the United States' response to the cease-fires declared by both

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By Thomas W. Lippman the Irish Republic, and has said sides," a senior White House which seeks union with the Irish development is essential to reginning in fiscal 1996. The fund

Irish leaders have given the Clinton administration's diplomatic efforts substantial credit for the cease-fires announced by the Roman Catholic-dominated Irish Republican Army,

9 Die on German Highway Agence France-Pres KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Nine people in a mini-bus were killed when a Polish tractor-trailer veered on a superhighway near here Wednes-

day and crushed the vehicle.

Republic, and Protestant mili tant groups, which are insisting on remaining part of Britain. Although limited in scope.

the economic package is a logical extension of a policy, which the administration has pursued for much of the past year, of encouraging Northern Ireland's factions to give up violence without taking an active role in whatever negotiations may en-

Irish leaders of every stripe who have visited Washington this year have said economic

grievances of the people of one at stimulating economic develof most depressed areas of opment. Western Europe. The Clinton administration's

aim is to "get in on the ground and show both sides the benefits of peace as soon as possible," a senior official said. "These guys need jobs."

year, to nearly \$30 million, be- delphia.

Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown will lead a U.S. dele-

Minister John Major of Britain.

# Icing Cited as Possible Cause of U.S. Commuter Plane Crash

# ROSELAWN, Indiana - A

commuter plane that crashed in northern Indiana, killing all 68 aboard, flew in a holding pattern for more than 32 minutes in a cold blowing rain that could have caused ice to form on the wings and fuselage, sources close to the investiga-

But the investigation into the crash of American Eagle Flight

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5 It is not unusual for planes to plane, a twin-engine turboprop, dropped from the sky Monday night shortly after air-traffic and their last transmission was controllers gave the two-man crew permission to leave the holding pattern and descend from 10,000 feet to 8,000 feet. The plane, an ATR-72, built

cago from Indianapolis. Federal sources said there was no hint of trouble at any

The flight was en route to Chi-

not even mention the weather, a routine acknowledgment of the clearance to descend.

by a consortium of France's Aerospatiale and Italy's Alitalia, was new, had no service problems and the crew was experienced with an unblemished record, according to the Federal Aviation Administration and American Eagle. As rescue workers continued

removing broken bodies and sifting through shredded wreckage, Monday's weather conditions were an obvious area of inquiry by the National Transportation Safety Board. Several ing into numerous other possi-

Two in-flight weather advi-

sories had been issued for turbulence and icing, said Jim Hall, the safety board chairman. Investigators were checking the plane's voice data recorder to see if the pilot received the warnings. Board sources cautioned,

however, that initial speculation on causes is often wrong. Icing, which can rob a plane of lift, was the initial speculation in the last two commuter airline crashes - at Hibbing, Minnesota, on Dec. 1, 1993, and Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 7 - but proved not to be a factor. Board investigators are look-

It is not unusual for planes to

administrator with the Federal Aviation Administration. Planes are sometimes held for two to three hours, he said. Mr. Hall said investigators would be interviewing air traffic controllers in Chicago "to

determine why they had them in that holding pattern," and what the normal procedures are in such weather circumstances. Mr. Hali, describing the last minutes of the Indianapolis-to-Chicago flight, said preliminary transcripts showed there were no transmissions or distress sig-

nals after the pilots agreed to

circle for 10 minutes more.

Investigative efforts since the crash have been hampered by rain and mud, but the weather fly in holding patterns for 32 minutes, said David Hinson, an cleared Wednesday, and officials prepared to begin carrying out the remains of the 64 passengers and four crew members to a temporary morgue at a nearby National Guard ar-

> verity of the crash made immediate identification of the victims impossible. (WP, AP)

Authorities have said the se-

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Democrat on the Rise Rediscovers Clinton

DETROIT - It may not have been the strongest symbol of improving Democratic political fortunes, but there it was: Representative Bob Carr, Democratic candidate for Senate. sharing a podium with President Bill Clinton.

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Three weeks ago, Mr. Carr stayed in the cheap seats during a visit by Mr. Clinton to a Dearborn auto assembly plant, declaring it "not a campaign event." Even though Mr. Carr had spent lavishly on campaign ads touting his vote for the president's first budget, the news coverage conveyed an impression of him running away from Mr. Clinton.

But having drawn closer to the Republican nominee, Spencer Abraham, with a week left in the campaign, Mr. Carr made sure no one could accuse him of not also being close to the president. The two stood shoulder to shoulder as Mr. Clinton and other Democratic officeholders staged a rally in an attempt to energize traditional Democratic constitnencies in a key race that could determine whether their party retains control of the Senate.

The get-out-the-vote rallies in Detroit and later in Cleveland reflect the fears of Democratic operatives that poor turnout by core party groups like labor and minorities could abort what they see as a recent uptick in the popularity of Mr. Clinton and Democratic candidates. (WP)

#### **Ethics of Whitewater Appointment Upheld**

WASHINGTON -- Citizens who questioned a federal judge's luncheon meeting with two Republican senators while he was considering the appointment of the Whitewater independent counsel are "naive" and have a "fundamental misunderstanding" of how such appointments are made, a

supervisory judge said in dismissing their complaints.

Judge Harry T. Edwards, the chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, said the judge was allowed to consult with anyone he wanted while a panel he headed was weighing appointment of an indepen-dent counsel. Although he never named the judge in question, Judge Edwards described in detail ethical complaints against Judge David B. Sentelle, who serves with him on the D.C.

Judge Sentelle is also presiding judge of the panel that appointed an independent counsel to investigate Mr. Clinton's Whitewater real estate deal and his involvement with a failed Arkansas savings and loan.

"There may be some members of society who would question the actions of the accused judge, for they have a pristine (albeit arguably naive) view of the appointment process: But this is irrelevant," Judge Edwards wrote in the 6-page opinion.

The Sentelle panel's decision in August to replace Special Prosecutor Robert B. Fiske Jr., a moderate Republican, with an outspoken conservative, Kenneth W. Starr, a former federal appeals judge, was widely questioned after it was disclosed that Judge Sentelle had a July 14 luncheon meeting with Senators Lauch Faircloth and Jesse Helms. After the lunch, Judge Sentelle and Mr. Faircloth were seen huddled in deep conversation on the Capitol's underground tram. The judge said later that they were "old friends" talking about prostate problems and cowboy boots.

#### Quote/Unquote

Frank Luntz, a Republican poll-taker, on why wealthy candidates who spend their own money on their campaigns often are viewed favorably by the voters: "It is advantageous to put your money in because voters perceive you can't be yought. If you're a millionaire, special interests can't touch You. You don't need anything from them. And if you're a rags-to-riches story, you're golden."

## The Candidates Use Crime to Bludgeon Each Other

By Howard Kurtz

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — In an ad for Jeb Bush, a Florida gubernatorial candidate, a mother whose daughter was murdered says: "Her killer is still on death row and we're still waiting for justice. We won't get it from Lawton Chiles because he's too liberal on crime."

In an ad for George E. Pataki, a New York gubernatorial nominee, a mother whose son was killed by a repeat offender says: "I blame it all on Cuomo and his policies. . . . Cuomo does not care about the victims of crime. He cares about the

In an ad for a Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate, Thomas J. Ridge, the narrator says: In 1992, Mark Singel votes to free a murderer. Now the same man is arrested again.... Just a mistake or too liberal on crime?"

It is perhaps the ultimate negative ad, blaming a public official for an innocent person's death or leniency for the killer. In the closing days of a nationwide election campaign marked from the start by harsh advertising, several candidates have unleashed such a weapon, raising the emotional stakes by focusing on heart-rending vic-

The use of personal tragedy to assail an opponent — often by turning the camera on a grieving parent or spouse - represents a chilling refinement of the technique used in the Willie Horton ads of 1988. Those ads, produced in support of then-Vice President George Bush, used Horton, a convicted murderer, to bludgeon Michael S. Dukakis, then the governor of Massachusetts. Horton raped a Maryland woman and stabbed her fiance after Mr. Dukakis granted him a furlough.

The use of crime victims or their families is "dangerous as hell," said Don Sipple, a Republican consultant who has made several stark ads about crime. "I think you are vulnerable to charges that you're using someone else's pain for political advantage. You're trying to put blood on someone's hands, which a lot of people think But Mike Murphy, a Republican ad maker,

believes such spots are effective. "People tend to believe the victim, not the politician," he said. harness the public's anger about crime, some reference to race.



Governor Cuomo has been trading charges with Republican candidate George Pataki.

officeholders are trying to turn their own personal disclosures to political advantage.

Georgia's Republican gubernatorial candidate, Guy Millner, made an ad in which his 31year-old daughter talked about her encounter with a knife-wielding burglar. Representative James Cooper, Democrat of Tennessee, made an ad about an intruder's attempt to break into his house while his wife was at home. And during a recent debate. California's Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Kathleen Brown, spoke of her daughter's rape.

Unlike the Horton commercial, which pic-As further evidence of a determination to tured the black convict, the 1994 ads avoid any

The ad for Jeb Bush, the former president's son, begins with a picture of 10-year-old Elisa Nelson in her baseball uniform as her mother, Wendy, recalls her murder in 1980. Mrs. Nelson complained that Florida's governor, a Democrat, had not signed enough death warrants. "I know Jeb Bush," she says. "He'll make criminals serve their sentences and enforce the death penalty.

Mr. Chiles called the ad "crass" and "a repeat of Willie Horton." Mr. Chiles noted that the Nelson case had never come before him -- the killer's execution has been delayed by court appeals - and that he had presided over eight executions during his term, compared with nine under his Republican predecessor.

Lawton Chiles won't."

Frank Greer, Mr. Chiles's media adviser, said 51 percent of those surveyed by the campaign thought Mr. Bush's charge was unfair, while 23 percent deemed it legitimate. "It's backfired big time," Mr. Greer said. "It's scandalous exploitation of a victim. At least the Willie Horton ad had some semblance of truth."

Mr. Greer is using press criticism in a counter-attack spot: "The Miami Herald says the Bush campaign had 'sunk to new depths,' exploiting the anger and pain of a crime victim... The Bush campaign should be ashamed.... If Jeb Bush won't tell the truth about matters of life and death, how can we trust him with our

The New York Times labeled as "shameful" and "cynical" the ad for Mr. Pataki, a Republican. It featured Carol McCauliff, whose son was killed in July by a man who remained on parole despite repeated violations. But news accounts noted that his full sentence expired three weeks before the murder, so he would have been free regardless of parole.

Not to be outdone, Mario Cuomo aired an ad featuring Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was killed in the Long Island Railroad shooting in December 1993. She says that Mr. Pataki's implication that Mrs. McCauliff's son "could still be alive if he had been the governor is a cruel and hurtful hoax."

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"I'm a Republican," she continues, "but this shows that George Pataki doesn't have the character to be governor."

The Pataki campaign did not return several phone calls.

The victims' relatives, for their part, simply want to get their message out. Wendy Nelson says she volunteered to make the ad after Mr. Bush expressed interest in her plight at a campaign event. She does not feel used in any way. I am very frustrated with the system," Mrs. Nelson said. "I think a system that takes I4 years to execute someone is broken."

The Pennsylvania case is more clearly fair game. Lieutenant Governor Mark Singel, a Democrat, has apologized for recommending, as head of the state's Board of Pardons, the release of Reginald McFadden, a convicted murderer who has since been charged with the rape and murder of a 78-year-old woman. Mr. Singel called the commutation last year "a decision I will regret for the rest of my life."

#### Canada to Let In Fewer Immigrants

By Anne Swardson Washington Post Service
TORONTO — Canada has

announced that it will accept fewer legal immigrants each year and overhaul immigration guidelines to give less emphasis those with marketable skills.

The action came in response Canada, which accepts proportionately more immigrants than

ised when he was campaigning 290,000 immigrants. to family members and more to just over a year ago that he would keep immigration at about 1 percent of population to widespread sentiments that and give priority to the families of those already in Canada.

any other major industrial na- Tuesday, Immigration Minister od.

tion, has become too generous Sergio Marchi said 1995 immito those who seek to come here. gration totals would not exceed.

The announcement marked a 215,000, a decline from the policy reversal for the govern- 1994 ceiling of 250,000 legal iming Liberal Party of Prime Min-migrants. One percent of Canaister Jean Chretien, who prom- da's population would be about

Mr. Marchi said the plan did not mark a change of course because the government remained committed to keeping immigration at 1 percent of In announcing the new rules population "over a long peri-

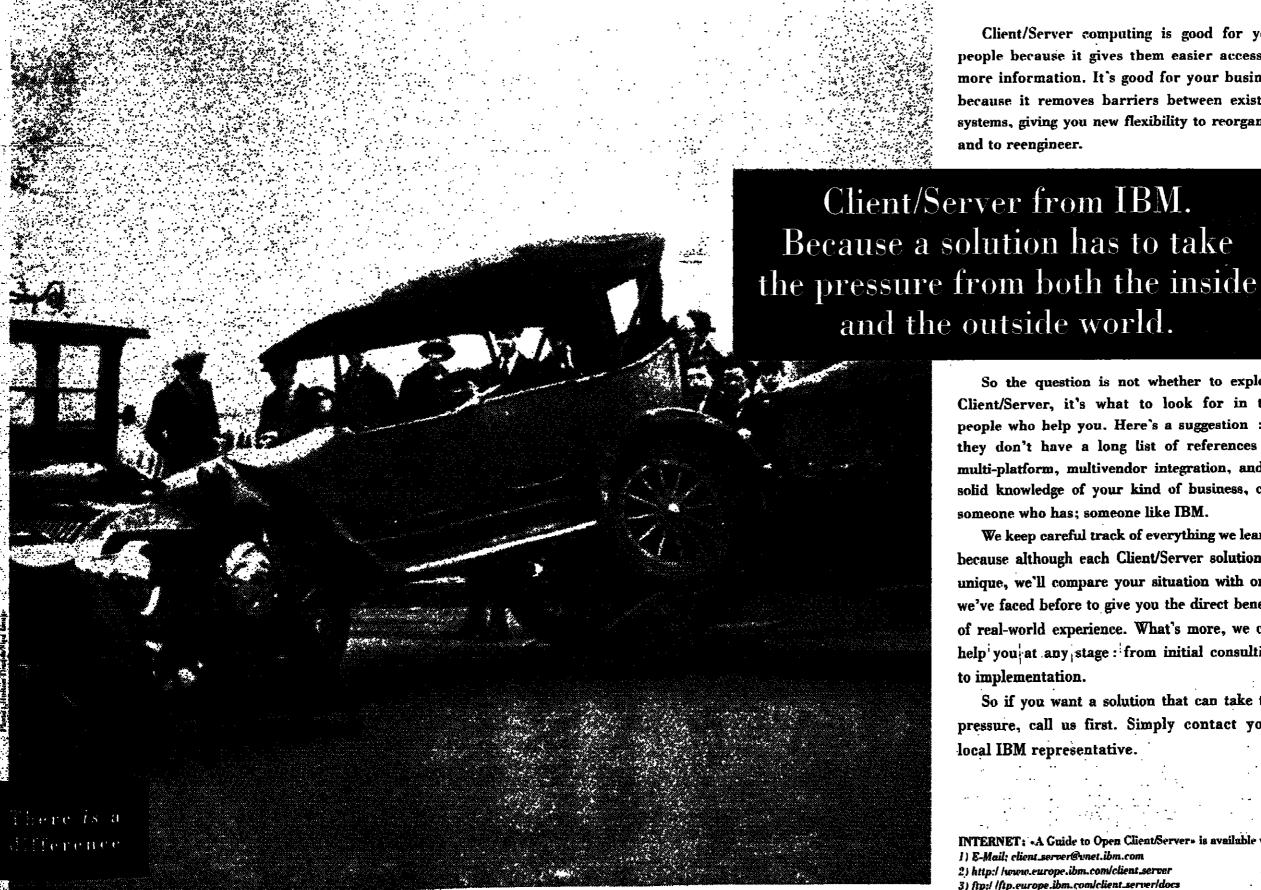
#### Away From Politics

 An "exciting" break in the weeklong search for two young kidnapped brothers was reported by the sheriff of Union, South Carolina, only to be abruptly withdrawn. "I am of the belief now that this is not going to affect our case," Sheriff Howard Wells said. He was referring to a phone tip from out of state about the missing children.

• A Marine drill sergeant shot himself after climbing onto a diving platform with a loaded M-16 rifle while 59 recruits awaited swimming instruction, military officials said in Parris Island, South Carolina, Investigators did not knew what led Sergeant Richard Stumpf, 26, to take his life.

• Violence now rivals academics as the top concern of U.S. public schools, with shootings, stabbings and other serious assaults increasing in number and spreading from urban districts to suburbs and small towns, the National League of Cities reports.

 The NAACP has stopped paying most of its professional staff, board members of the civil rights organization said. The furlough took effect on Monday. Officials said they hoped it would last no more than a week or two. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is gripped by a financial crisis following accusations of financial abuses by some of its leaders. AP. AFP. LAT. NYT



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# Paris Under Security Wrap as 3 Iranians Go on Trial

By William Drozdiak

Washington Post Service PARIS — Fearing terrorist reprisals, France imposed some of its tightest security measures in years as the trial opened Wednesday of three franians charged with the assassination of Shahbur Bakhtiar, the Shah of Iran's last prime

As sharpshooters stood on nearby rooftops and hundreds of police combed the area for hidden bombs, the suspects accused of slitting Mr. Bakhtiar's throat and draping him in a bloody sheet were ushered into the courtroom for the start of a monthlong trial that has heightened tension between Paris and Tehran.

The prosecution contends that Iran's security services orchestrated the killing of Mr. Bakhtiar and an aide three years ago in the Paris suburb of Suresnes. The Iranian government has denied any link with Mr. Bakhtiar's death.

The murder led to the cancellation of a trip to Tehran by President François Mitterrand.

Since then, Iran's chances for a rapprochement with the West have disintegrated amid escalating charges by the United States and other

Rats Eat Up

The Savings of

Russia Woman

MOSCOW - An elderly

villager lost nearly all her

savings, about one million

rubles (\$300), because rats

ate the cash hoarded in the

The woman has been

earning her living by mak-

ing bootleg alcohol, the dai-

ly Komsomolskaya Pravda

said Wednesday. "Having

studied a variety of Russian

state and commercial

banks, the lady concluded

that the safest place was her

Komsomolskaya Pravda

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go forward, then both donors and recipi-

ents will have to work hard to ensure that

the money flow is complemented by in-

creased trade and private-sector invest-

ment, fiscal discipline and the kinds of

structural reforms that lead to more open

markets. And in the future — the present

Algerian civil war notwithstanding - the

greatest threat to economic growth in the

region may no longer be war but the ability

and will of governments to carry out the

kind of reform programs that have worked

in regions such as Latin America and parts

On the plus side of the ledger are some

• In December, leaders of EU member

nations will discuss a plan to more than

double aid to the region, to about \$7 bil-

lion over the next five years, and to pursue

an expanded free-trade zone that would

• Caio Koch-Weser, the World Bank's

day that his institution "stands ready to

double" its lending to the Middle East and

North Africa, to \$3 billion a year. The

World Bank has already taken the lead in

coordinating \$2.4 billion of donations for

• Aid from Washington to the region,

including debt forgiveness, is likely to rise

over the next few years. Excluding military

assistance, U.S. aid this year to Israel is

\$1.8 billion and to Egypt \$800 million.

the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

said doctors had to

treat her for shock after the

cellar," it said.

loss was discovered.

of Eastern Europe.

truly ambitious aid proposals:

bridge the Mediterranean.

basement of her house.

Western nations that the Islamic fundamentalist regime continues to sponsor terrorist acts around

The Bakhtiar case has attracted keen attention because of the personalities involved. The three suspects in the dock include Ali Vakili Rad, who is accused of slashing Mr. Bakhtiar's throat; Zeynol Abedin Sarhadi, a great-nephew of Iran's president, Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is accused of aiding his escape; and Massoud Hendi, a businessman and nephew of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who is said to have provided logistical support.

In addition, six others are being tried in absentia, including suspected Iranian agents who have been linked to four different ministries in Tehran through telephone intercepts and other evidence accumulated by a French investigator, Jean-Lou- government.

In recent days, Iran's government-controlled media has whipped up anti-French sentiment by attacking the French government's recent decision to expel Muslim schoolgirls from state schools if they persist in wearing head scarves as a sign of their religious devotion. In Tehran, hundreds of Iranian women have staged protests

BOGOTA — The Colombian

government will submit legisla-

tion to Congress that would

modify the constitution to for-

bid drug consumption, which was legalized by a high court

Vice President Humberto de

Calle said the government

had decided to back away from

its original proposal to hold a

nationwide referendum on de-

criminalization of drug use be-

cause of the high costs of con-

ducting the vote and because a

referendum might be interpret-

ed as a form of contempt for the

Colombians, long accus-

tomed to constant judicial re-view and labyrinthine legisla-

to benefit.

last May.

court's ruling.

Officials Oppose Constitutional Court on Narcotics Use

crime was unconstitutional.
The court said it violated "the

fundamental right that each

person has to the free develop-

The president at the time, Cè-

sar Gaviria Trujillo, said he dis-

agreed with the ruling and

called for either a referendum

or a constitutional amendment

that would limit the definition

In a nation where 97 percent

of murders go unpunished, the court lashed back at Mr. Ga-

viria, accusing him of a lack of

respect for the ruling and of

ment of his personality."

of fundamental rights.

demeaning the court.

MONEY: Casablanca Business Summit Heralds New Mideast Imperative

Jordan, which has won substantial debt

forgiveness from Washington, is also likely

The European Union's aid proposal,

while couched in economic terms, "is first

and foremost an instrument of security

policy," according to Peter Ludlow, director of the Center for European Policy

Studies in Brussels. Mr. Ludlow noted that

the EU was worried about future waves of

immigration from North Africa and the

specter of "instability which could endan-

ger investments or lead to conflict in the

in the Middle East peace process and its

interest in oil, is clearly keen to help spur

economic growth in the region for strategic

reasons. But American business is also

interested in investment opportunities.

and more than one European commenta-

tor noticed that there were far more Amer-

ican than European corporate executives

is pressing, meanwhile, for the establish-

ment of a development bank for the re-

gion. Although some Gulf states, led by

Sandi Arabia, objected to the idea of a new

development bank, the Casablanca confer-

ence did agree to go ahead with a working

Lawrence Summers, the Treasury un-

dersecretary, stressed in an interview

Wednesday that a development bank

would have to provide much-needed

k. ow-how and help build institutions rath-

er than simply hand out loan aid.

The United States, together with Israel,

The United States, given its central role

region which could spill over."

present in Casablanca.

tion, were only moderately surprised in May when the constitutional Court ruled that banning drug use in public

making drug consumption a places and forbidding con-

outside the French Embassy in what officials in Paris believe is a blatant attempt at intimidation on the eve of the murder trial.

Wary about the dangers of a potential hostage crisis, the French Foreign Ministry issued a firm warning Wednesday reminding the Iranian government of its duty to protect diplomatic premises. France imposed a draconian security belt by setting up steel barriers to protect against car bombs near Iran's embassy in Paris.

Even though Mr. Bakhtiar was an avowed reformer who spent five years in jail under the shah, he was condemned to death by Ayatollah Khomeini and targeted for murder by Iran's mullahs when he escaped to France after serving only five weeks as head of Iran's last secular

A first hit squad bungled an assassination attempt against him in 1980 in the Paris suburb of Neuilly. A policeman and a woman bystander were killed, but the five commandos, led by Anis Naccache, were captured and given long prison sentences. Their subsequent liberation was a key demand by terrorists claiming responsibility for a wave of bomb attacks in Paris during 1985 and

Two and a half months later,

sumption by minors, pregnant

women and government em-

Colombia is said to be the

world's largest cocaine export-

er, but domestic drug consump-

tion is believed to be low. In an

anonymous poll of 305 people

conducted by the newspaper El

Tiempo in May, more than 90 percent said they had never

Estimates by the National Drug Council show that drug

consumption has increased

only moderately since the rul-

"The challenge for the region is building a strong private sector that exploits the region's economic potential," Mr. Sum-

mers said. "That's partially a matter of

helping businesses, and also a matter of

providing infrastructure in which markets

The prospect of as much as \$30 billion

of government and multilateral aid flow-

ing to the region between now and the year 2000, meanwhile, raises a host of questions

—such as how much can be absorbed, how

quickly infrastructure projects can go for-

ward and to what degree governments will

be able to match aid programs with fiscal discipline, deregulation of hitherto central-

ized economies and even privatization pro-

The amount of aid pales, however, when

compared with the estimated \$150 billion

to \$200 billion of private-sector assets that

nationals from the region now hold in

international money markets. Obviously,

not all that money is going to return to the

region, but convincing growth policies

over the next few years could lure back a

Less encouraging are the economics of a

region whose average per capita income

growth, in the countries that do not pro-

duce oil, fluctuated between stagnation

and 1 percent a year during the whole of

the 1980s. And the members of the Organi-

zation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

in the region have seen their revenues de-

cline along with the price of crude.

substantial portion.

used illicit drugs.

1986 that killed 12 people and injured more than 300 others. After a long series of negotiations, Mr. Naccache was pardoned by Mr. Mitterrand in 1990 and put on a plane to Tehran.

But a year later, terrorists again struck at Mr. Bakhtiar and this time they succeeded. Farydoun Boyerahmadi, a Bakhtiar protegé who turned out to be a double agent working for the Iranians. gained entrance to Mr. Bakhtiar's highly guarded compound, accompanied by men who pretended to be supporters of his opposition movement.

Forty-eight hours later, Guy Bakhtiar, a French policeman entrusted with his father's security, found his body and that of his assistant, Sorouch Katibeh, drenched in blood with their throats cut. Mr. Boyerahmadi and other agents fled to Iran, but Mr. Rad was arrested in Geneva and extradited along with Mr. Sarhadi, a clerk in Iran's embassy in Bern.

Mr. Rad's testimony, French officials say, later led them to arrest Mr. Hendi, a former Iranian television correspondent in Paris. He was charged with complicity in the killings for providing fake passports and other material support to help those accused of the murder.

## **East Timor Growth** Fails to Stem Dissent

#### A Battle for Hearts and Minds Goes On as War Winds Down

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

DILL East Timor -- In swelstudents and staff from the East Timor University gathered the other day with friends, relatives "There's a great feeling of

Before Indonesia invaded the Portuguese territory in 1975 and annexed it the following year, such a ceremony would not have been possible.

In 400 years of colonial rule, Portugal neglected to build a university or even develop a proper primary school system. Lisbon's legacy to East Timor was grinding poverty and underdevelopment.

Today, a reporter returning to the territory for the first time since Indonesia took over, finds impressive signs of development, not just in Dili but in small towns and parts of the countryside.

A network of all-weather roads has been built, along with bridges, schools, health clinics, electricity, village housing, fresh water wells and other fa-

While Indonesia's armed forces may have faced about 7,000 Timorese guerrillas fighting under the banner of the Fretilin independence movement in 1975, there are probably no more than a few hundred still active. They are largely confined to remote areas and short of arms and ammunition.

Yet even among Timorese who originally supported integration in Indonesia, there is disillusionment with what is seen as heavy-handed control by the Indonesian military and the central government in Ja-

karta.

"My first choice was Apointegration," deti, the party of integration," said a Timorese professional. "But not this kind of integration." Like others who were interviewed and said they feared possible reprisals from Indonesian security agents, he requested anonymity.

There is also widespread resentment among Timorese at what they see as domination of East Timor's economic and political development by non-Ti-

The Indonesian Army and police in the territory are commanded by, and largely made fax number on his letterhead up of, non-Timorese. Although was not his, but The Guardian's. It was easy to figure it out the governor and most of the senior officials in the local adand he did. When the story became public this week, the ministration are Timorese, the House of Commons jumped on real decision-making power is in the hands of Jakarta and The prime minister, battered non-Timorese bureaucrats who staff the upper echelons of the central government ministries in East Timor. than a year, lashed out at The

Guardian for "stooping" to the Out of a total population of standard that "the end justifies around 800,000, between 100,000 and 200,000 are non-"Systematic deception, fraud Timorese and their number and collusion is most certainly continues to increase. not what we expect from a free

The tension and mistrust bepress," he declared Tuesday in tween Timorese and non-Timorese is aggravated by cultur-The speaker called for an al differences, particularly religion. Nearly all Timorese emergency debate, which went on for three hours Wednesday, are Catholics while an overon a motion to refer The whelming majority of the non-Guardian and Mr. Preston to a Timorese are Muslims or Protspecial Commons committee estants. for investigation and perhaps

This latent tension burst into

the open in Dili in June and July when Timorese protests over alleged religious insults led tering heat, several hundred to a clash with riot police, in which about a dozen students

and guests for a graduation cer-disappointment," said a Timoremony under a makeshift plas- ese businessman. "Timorese used to be very divided. Today, they do not support Freulin but they do support independence.'

> Some commanders, including a number of senior officers in Jakarta, evidently realize that although the Indonesian security forces are close to winning the military war in East Timor. they have failed to win the more important battle for the hearts and minds of the Timorese,

As part of an effort to improve discipline among Indonesian troops in the territory, a military spokesman said Tuesday that two soldiers, both Muslim, had been discharged from the army after a militar court found them guilty of desecrating a Catholic church in East Timor in June.

Colonel K. Syahnakri, the newly appointed East Timor military commander, said in an interview that such incidents, aithough rare, would not be tolcrated.

He said that of the eight bat? talions in East Timor, sevenwere engaged in civic action to improve the welfare of people through a variety of construction and training programs.

However, Colonel Syahnakri

said that the success of the Indonesian education program. had created a different kind of security problem: unemployment. About 4,000 Timorese who leave school each year end up jobless, according to Timorese officials.

Abilio José Osorio Soares, the East Timor governor, said that the "very severe" unemployment problem should be solved by opening the territory more widely for investment and economic development. He said that Indonesian mili-

tary forces should continue to be withdrawn gradually and East Timor given "special status" as a territory within Ind Analysts said that the "spe-

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cial status" or autonomy proposal was under consideration in both Jakarta and Dili.

While human rights groups in the West continue to issue highly critical reports on the situation in East Timor. Western officials familiar with the operations of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the territory said that there had en some overall improvement in the past year.

However, Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, the outspoken Catholic bishop of Dili, said that Timorese had no freedom to speak or hold public meetings, and that there were still too many cases of arrests and beatings of Timorese by the military and police.

Although Indonesian officials strenuously deny such a plan. Bishop Belo said he suspected that Jakarta wanted to gradually "Indonesianize" East Timor.



The Guardian editor outside Parliament on Wednesday.

#### SLEAZE: Case of the Fake Fax

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the House of Commons.

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from jail to a dressing down to

nothing at all. The motion passed, 313 to 38.

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with charges that he personally paid members of Parliament to raise questions helpful to his business interests during the House of Common's traditional "question period."

In order to protect Mr. Fayed and the hotel from possible charges that they were releasing private information, however, Peter Preston, editor of The Guardian, authorized the fake

Specifically, he said in an interview, the paper took a letter it had received earlier from Mr. Aitken, the MP, and altered it to appear to be a request from an Aitken aide on parliamentary letterhead for a copy of the Ritz bill. They then faxed it to the Ritz. Mr. Fayed - now assured that it would appear that Mr. Aitken, not a newspaper, was seeking the copy — made sure the bill was sent.

It was easy for Mr. Aitken to figure all this out: The return

#### Potsdam Offers **Jewish Studies**

POTSDAM, Germany — Germany's first Jewish studies program was inaugurated Wednesday at Potsdam University in this eastern state capital. The program director, Karl Groezinger, called the occasion "a milestone in the history of German higher education" during a ceremony at the universiast Germany's dissolution.

Until now, students at German universities could only study Jewish themes in conjunction with religious studies. The new program is modeled on degree programs at American and Israeli universities.

#### That debate became a noisy argument about just where the offense stood on the scale of indignation: Conservatives presented it as a heinous crime, "a forgery," a "conspiracy," a "collusion" requiring criminal

sanction. Opposition labor members, who regard The Guardian as a friend, while not condoning Mr. played its seriousness. It was, spokesman told Reuters. said one, a "mere misuse of sta-

spent the last few days explaining himself, both in interviews which was restructured after in his paper and in a letter of resignation to Britain's Press Complaints Commission, a press watchdog committee composed largely of members

#### DOLLAR: Slide Stopped by Fed a London-based analyst at Citi-

can living standards and promote investment."

developments closely in cooperation with our G-7 partners," In Frankfurt, Hans Tiet-

meyer, president of the Bundesbank, welcomed the Fed's clear Preston's technique, down- interest in a strong dollar, a The sentiment was echoed in

Paris, where Economy Minister As for Mr. Preston, he has Edmond Alphandery said that the intervention showed that U.S. authorities believed the currency should be stronger. Analysts said trading before the intervention had not been rate of 95 yen. especially heavy, nor had it been disorderly.

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Mr. MacKinnon noted that "We will continue to monitor for intervention to have a sustained effect "it needs to be coordinated, it needs to be

backed by policy changes and it's got to catch the market short, which it's not." Ron Leven, at J. P. Morgan & Co. in New York, said that

Washington was "scared of the dollar collapsing." Both analysts linked the de-

cline and the intervention Wednesday to the failed trade talks. Talk in the exchange mar-. ket has Japanese exporters heavily hedged for an exchange In Washington, Trade Repre-

of the press. Mr. Preston said he was resigning to prevent "coliateral damage" to the commisat trying to turn the dollar Japan's trade and foreign min around," said Neil MacKinnon, isters at meetings next week. sentative Mickey Kantor said he expected "to move the ball forward" in bilateral talks with Japan's trade and foreign min-

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#### TEXAS: Richards Tries Good Ol' Girl Politics in Race for Governorship

you come home and, man, it's like a house afire. You run in there and you get that piece of meat and you salt it and season it and get it ready to put in the broiler. And you toss the salad and put the beans and potatoes on the stove. You want it to all be nice and hot when he gets home. "And the phone doesn't ring. The beans

get cold. The potatoes get soggy. You're scurrying and scurrying and doing your damndest. And when he finally comes home, he tells you he's already eaten. In this case, off a silver platter," said the Texas governor who came to national attention with her 1988 convention quip that office. Bush père was born with a silver foot in his

As the women yell "That's right!" she wraps up her metaphor of George W. Bush as ungrateful, henpecking husband, noting scornfully, "And you want to say to him, Where were you when the work was being done?' We can make all the jokes that we want that George Bush never was around when any decision was made, it looks like about anything."
Ms. Richards argues that Mr. Bush's

record as a businessman does not qualify the family - bright, hot, a sparkler - and him to be governor. She charges, in a likeliest to burn the fingers," has run a commercial, that the businesses with polished campaign without any of the

which he was affiliated lost \$371 million. "This guy's hounded me on every possible issue you can think of, most of it distorted," she says, defending her deci-sion to go negative. Referring to her opponent's lack of experience, she adds: "If you've got the bucks to buy the TV, you

can be credible because you can make stuff up. Who's to doubt it?"

The Bush campaign spokesman in Austin, Reggie Bashur, rebuts: "George W. Bush has a very good business record. What is curious is that in the final days of this campaign. Governor Richards has

nothing to say about her own record in In the beginning, Ms. Richards and her advisers believed that it would not be so hard to dispatch with the eldest Bush son.

They laughingly called him "the Shrub." But the governor soon found herself in the same backwash of voter disgust that affected other liberal stars with long records of public service, like Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York and Senator Dianne Feinstein of California.

Mr. Bush, described by the author Richard Ben Cramer as "the Roman candle of

known for when his father was president.

Instead, it was Ms. Richards who was accused of speaking rashly when she talked, in general terms, during a speech about building up a record and then having "some jerk" come in and belittle it.
"What really irritated me about that is I

didn't even call him a jerk," she said as her campaign jet headed home to Austin. "I think we've reached a point in our

politics when we don't have any fun anymore and it really bothers me a lot," she said. "Everybody takes everything you say literally and they examine it with a microscope and hang it up and see how long it takes to dry. We've wrung all of the personality out of our candidates, and they've lost their verve in the process."

She says that, as a woman, she has to be careful not to let her tongue get too sharp. While she can flirt with a local politician one minute and the next talk tough about setting time limits on death row appeals, she is not as conservative as Mr. Bush.

And that contributes to one of the worst nder gaps in the country. A recent Texas Poll showed Ms. Richards leading by 12 points among women, but trailing by 17 points among men.

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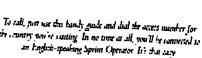
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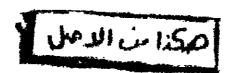
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ists to avoid his country as the hodies of three Western hostages killed by Khmer Rouge rebels were recovered from graves found near a southern rebel base on Wednesday.

King Norodom Sihanouk. saying Cambodia is "clearly in-scous," joined foreign embassies in advising tourists to avoid Cambodia, shortly before the bodies were recovered at Vine Mountain; 150 kilometers (93 miles) south of Phnom Penh

"I condemn with the greatest severity the contemptible and unpardonable murderers who are responsible for the deaths of these three young gentlemen, King Sihanouk said.

The three - Mark Slater, 28, a Briton; Jean-Michel Braquet 27, a Frenchman, and David Wilson, 29, an Australian were taken hostage by the Khmer Rouge in a train am-bush in southern Cambodia on July 26.

They and three Vietnamese and an unknown number of Cambodians were marched to nearby Vine Mountain at gunnoint. The three Vietnamese believed to have been executed.

The bodies of the Western hostages were being taken to



Soldiers on Wednesday guarding hospital where bodies of slain hostages were taken.

Phnom Penh on Wednesday Noun Paet and the Khmer night. Their deaths had been Rouge. confirmed by the Cambodian government on Tuesday.

Mouly said Wednesday the week. Westerners' bodies were found in three graves, about one kilo- officer said Wednesday that the meter from the Vine Mountain Westerners' were bound with base once held by General rope and shot at close range.

General Paet, said to have eling in armored cars, visited ordered their execution in September, escaped the base after it Information Minister leng was overrun by troops last posed bodies.

The Cambodian government A senior Cambodian Army has said the bodies are certainly Phnom Penh, Tony Kevin, said

Embassy officials from Aus-

tralia, France and Britain, trav-

the graves on Wednesday to

help identify the badly decom-

forensic tests needed to be performed in the capital to put the identities beyond doubt.

Meanwhile, a provincial official said Wednesday that Khmer Rouge guerrillas last week kidnapped 71 villagers in a northwest province and executed 50 of them after a fourday forced march.

Seventy-one villagers from Kdol Tahen who went into the jungle to cut bamboo were taken hostage on Oct. 22 by about 20 Khmer Rouge guerrillas, according to Serey Kosal, the Battambang Province deputy gov-

The deaths of the three tourists was the second tragedy involving Western hostages this year. In September, the remains of an Australian and two British hostages were found. The discovery evoked angry reactions from inside and outside

The U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh condemned what it called the "the brutal murder by the Khmer Rouge of three innocent tourists," and Mr. Kevin, the Australian ambassador, called on the Cambodian government to spare no effort to find the murderers.

Mr. Kevin said the bodies would be repatriated quickly so the Westerners' remains, but that "the families can mourn Australia's ambassador to them privately and properly.

## Japan Adopts Electoral Reform

New York Tranes Service

TOKYO - After more than four years of battling, the lower house of Parliament adopted final legislation on Wednesday creating a new electoral system and tougher campaign financing laws, part of a long promised

effort to clean up Japan's politics.
Passage of the bills, which included detailed outlines of the 300 new electoral districts, means that the bitterly contested laws can take effect in December.

As a result, it is certain that the next parliamentary elections will be held under the new system, and thus could profoundly alter the balance of power in the Parliament and further realign the battered party system.

The three bills finalized Wednesday were passed in outline in January. The laws will

transform the election system from one in which from three to six representatives are elected for each district to one in which a single representative will be elected from each district. There will also be 200 representatives elected from party lineups. Overall, that will reduce the size of the lower house of Parliament to 550 seats; from 511.

The laws will also restrict the amounts corporations can donate to campaigns and levy heavier penalties against those who violate the financing laws. Another provision will provide for partial public financing of election campaigns.

It is widely expected that the new system will reduce the number of parties represented in Parliament and eventually create a two-

### Parties Agree on Atom Bomb Compensation

TOKYO - The Japanese Parliament's coalition partners reached agreement Wednesday on measure that would compensate victims of the

1945 atomic bombings. The bill calls on the government to pay 100,000 yen (\$1,000) in one-time compensation to a person who was injured or lost family

members in the atomic bombings. Under the measure, which is expected to become law in the current session of Parliament, at least 230,000 people will receive compensation, officials said.

The decision averted a potential government crisis, since a failure in the negotiations could have weakened the power base of Prime Minister (Reuters, AP) Tomiichi Murayama's coalition cabinet.

The agreement was reached between the Liberal Democratic Party, the Social Democratic Party and the Japan New Party Sakigake.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki were devastated by U.S. atomic bombs in the closing stages of World

There had been a wide gap in positions over the scope of compensation in several rounds of talks among the three parties. But an official with the Liberal Democrats said the party had reached a compromise with the Social Democrats to maintain the coalition, which was formed in late June.

The chief cabinet secretary, Kozo Igarashi, said that Korean residents in Japan who suffered in the atomic bomings would also receive

# Kidnapping in India Is Laid to Separatists

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW DELHI — Separatist Kashmiri rebels trained in Pakistan organized the kidnapping of an American tourist and three Britons in New Delhi earlier this week, officials said Wednesday.

Karachi was arrested Tuesday in a New Delhi neighborhood and provided the police with details of the conspiracy, Police Chief Mukund Behari Kaushal said. A search continues for three accomplices.

The man, who gave his name as Mohammed Nazir Khan during a brief court appearance Wednesday, was arrested fol-lowing the dramatic rescues of remanded in custody for two
weeks on kidnapping and explosives offenses and faces a during the shoot-cut. At least minimum 10 years in jail if con- one was a Pakistani, Mr. Kau-

Mr. Kaushal said at a news conference that Mr. Khan confessed he was a member of Harkanıl Ansar, which India says is a Pakistan-backed Kashmiri Muslim group involved in another kidnapping, that of two Britons in Kashmir in June.

"We have seized documents with jots of Pakistani telephone numbers," Mr. Kaushal said.

Mr. Khan revealed he was trained in Muzaffarabad, capital of the one-third of Kashmir under Pakistani rule, and the town of Khos in Afghanistan, police officials said.

They said he slipped illegally into India across the border from Pakistan in August and

Delhi Police Hold Pakistani ists fighting Delhi's rule of Jam-mu and Kashmir, India's only

Muslim-majority state. The American and the Britons were the first Westerners taken hostage in New Delhi since the armed Muslim upris-A Pakistani national from ing began in the northern state of Kashmir five years ago. More than 9,500 people have been killed there.

> Bela Nuss of San Francisco was freed by the police Monday and provided information that led to a house 145 kilometers (90 miles) north of the capital where the Britons were being held. The Britons were freed Tuesday after a gun battle in which two policemen and a kid-

A previously unheard of Kashmiri militant group called Al Hadid claimed responsibility. Police said Harkatul Ansar was a part of Al Hadid, which is based in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a leading Kashmiri Muslim separatist leader has offered to end the insurgency if India provides concrete assurances that it will hold a oleoiscite on the future of the disputed state.

"If India at this point of time essures the international community that it will hold a plebiscite in Kashmir, we are willing to give up arms," Shabir Ahmed ah was quoted as saying in Srinagar.

mantle its nuclear facilities, and for China's aid in improving

inter-Korean relations. China is

North Korea's only remaining

major Communist ally.

Despite its denials, North

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nuclear weapons program. It agreed last month to freeze and

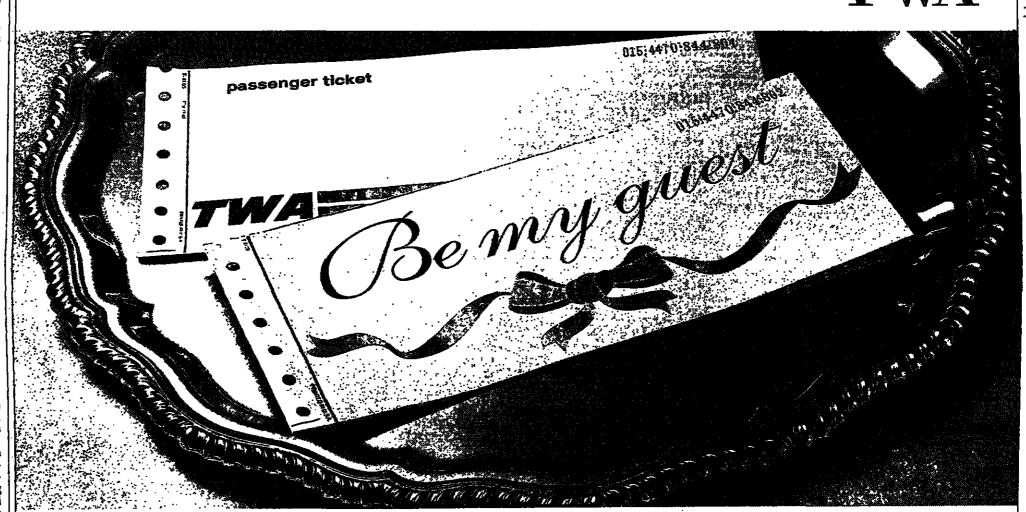
eventually dismantle its nuclear

In turn, the United States has

promised to provide economic

aid and diplomatic links. The

(AP, Reuters, AFP)



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## China Accepts Role In North Korea Pact

SEOUL — China promised Wednesday to help with a U.S.brokered accord aimed at putting controls on North Korea's nuclear program, South Korean officials said.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China, meeting with the South Korean foreign minister, Han Sung Joo, also asserted the nuclear issue could not be fully resolved without dialogue between the two Koreas, they said. Mr. Qian was accompanying Prime Minister Li Peng on an official visit.

Ministry spokesman, referring to the miclear accord, quoted Mr. Qian as telling Mr. Han, "Since the agreement was reached, how to implement it is What's important."

Mr. Han's request for Beijing's help in ensuring that North Ko-

deal calls for two light-water reactors, worth \$4 billion, to be provided to the North to re-A South Korean Foreign place its aged graphite-moder-ated reactors. The newer reactors are less useful in obtaining bomb-grade plutonium.

Mr. Han welcomed China's participation in an international consortium to provide the Mr. Qian was responding to new reactors and dismantle the old ones.

## 10 Tourists Killed, 3 Missing In Copter Crash off Yucatan

COZUMEL, Mexico — A consular officials said. helicopter carrying 12. American tourists and an Italian radioed about a mechanical failare inoments before plunging into the sea off this Mexican aland resort, anthorities said

The bodies of 10 tourists and the Mexican pilot were recovcred shortly after the belicopter went down Tuesday afternoon. Three other tourists were miss-

ing and presumed dead, U.S. The helicopter was flying back to a cruise ship from Mex-

with another Bell 212 helicopter when it went down in the Caribbean, the police said. The other helicopter landed safely. Brian Wilson, a volunteer in-

ico's Yucatan Peninsula along

volved in the search, said the helicopter reported mechanical failure shortly before it plunged into the sea.

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# Bonn Ponders Pardon for a Jailed Terrorist

#### Case of Red Army Member Is Political as Well as Judicial

leged middle-class girl for those of a proceedings, a court-appointed psychol-radical leftist. Not when she killed three ogist recently concluded that she no U.S. soldiers in a 1972 bombing. Not longer poses a threat to society. when she was sentenced to life in prison

And not now, when authorities are contemplating whether to set her free after 22 years in jail.

A founding member of the Baader-Meinhof gang, later known as the Red Army Faction, Miss Möller remains unrepentant regarding both her violent past and her victims. Der Spiegel magazine last week quoted her as asserting that "the armed struggle was legiti-

Nevertheless, Miss Möller has become a cause célèbre and her release is loudly supported by clergy, writers, politicians and her warden. Now 47 and the longest-serving female inmate in Germany, she is also a martyr of the far left. having survived 12 hunger strikes and a mass suicide that claimed the lives of other Baader-Meinhof leaders in 1977.

Although the German press has predicted Miss Möller's imminent parole. the issue likely will be deferred until mid-November, according to Judge Klaus Fink of the state court in Lübeck, where she is serving her sentence. Prosecutors, defense attorneys and other authorities must first meet to consider her petition for early release and review her released Ingrid Jakobsmeier, 40, who psychological evaluation, Mr. Fink add-

the evaluation, reportedly saying that it BERLIN - For more than two de- was only intended to prove that "anyone cades, Irmgard Möller has given no here who dares to show resistance must quarter and shown no remorse. Not obviously be sick." But on the basis of when she swapped the values of a privi- observing her behavior at various legal

> The Möller case has ramifications beyond the fundamental question of when ustice should be tempered with mercy. Bonn has forged a fragile peace with the Red Army Faction, which waged a 20year "struggle against imperialism and monopoly capitalism." The radical left has not killed anyone since 1991, with the exception of a botched arrest last year that left a policeman and a fugitive

Freeing Miss Möller may be promoted as a token of good faith by govern-ment authorities. Some legal experts predict that her parole will be followed by the release of other Red Army Faction stalwarts. Seven others still in jail have served at least 15 years each.

The German judicial system has been accused in recent years of being "blind in the right eye," that is, showing lenien-cy in the prosecution and sentencing of far rightist or xenophobic offenders while cracking down on radical leftists.

But in trying to balance justice with the government's desire to nurture dohad served two-thirds of a 15-year sentence for a 1981 Red Army attack on German business executive, was given

Miss Möller refused to cooperate with Ramstein Air Base that wounded 17.

In May, outgoing President Richard von Weizsäcker pardoned Bernhard Rössner, who had served 19 years for a 1975 Red Army attack on the German Embassy in Stockholm in which four people were killed. Two other faction members, jailed for the 1987 bombing of an aviation plant in southern Germany. were paroled last year after renouncing

The federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe says that 17 Red Army members are still in German prisons. Another seven are being sought for violent crimes, according to the Federal Crime

Those still at large have remained mostly dormant. Responding to government peace feelers, the Red Army issued a state of the remained mostly dormant in 1922 pledging to "no lease the large of the remained mostly as a state of the remained mostly dormant. longer attack leading representatives of the economy and the state" while awaiting further moves from Bonn. That uneasy arrangement has more or less held, although the Red Army last year blew up a \$100 million prison shortly before

its grand opening.

The path to a political solution has been somewhat complicated by information obtained from the files of the Stasi, the former East German secret police, and testimony from former Red Army members who had taken refuge in

That evidence has led to new charges and new trials, threatening to reopen old wounds. Last November, for example, Rolf Klemens Wagner, already serving a life sentence for the 1977 murder of a

another life term for the attempted assassination of General Alexander M. Haig when he was the supreme com-mander of the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization. Thus Miss Möller's case carries political as well as judicial significance.

She was arrested in the May 24, 1972, attack on the U.S. base in Heidelberg in which three U.S. soldiers were killed when she and a companion drove two explosives-laden cars onto the base. She has been in jail ever since.

When asked in a 1992 interview if she feels sympathy for Red Army Faction victims, Miss Möller replied, "I can't deal with this personally or individual-

■ Bonn Bars U.S. Influence

A German court will not be influenced by the U.S. government in deciding whether to release Miss Möller, a spokesman said Wednesday, according to The Associated Press in Bonn.

The U.S. State Department said Tuesday regarding the Möller case that it opposed freeing leftist terrorists who have shown no remorse. David Johnson of the U.S. State Department said in Washington: "We consider politically motivated attacks on noncombatants as terrorism, and not as a legitimate part of an 'armed struggle,' as she is reported to have suggested."

Responding Wednesday, Wolfgang Neskovic, spokesman for Schleswig-Holstein state court in Lübeck, said: "The court bases its decision not on the statements of whatever politicians, but on the fulfillment of legal preconditions." He said the court hoped to make a decision before the end of the month on Miss Möller's request, and that one of the considerations was whether she is likely to commit more crimes if released.



KID-GLOVE TREATMENT — President Ion Iliesco of Romania with reporters Wednesday in London after meeting Prime Minister John Major. He said he would pardon a British couple sentenced to prison for trying to smuggle a baby out of Romania.

#### Kohl and Allies Resume Coalition Talks Stalled Over a Tax

BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats and their liberal Free easier citizenship for millions of Democratic allies resumed co- foreign residents. Mr. Kohl was alition negotiations on Wednes- re-elected on Oct. 16 with a day, still squabbling about a greatly reduced majority.

proposed income tax surcharge. Negotiations on a new coalition were adjourned Saturday cent "solidarity surcharge" on after the two sides failed to

Politicians from both camps made it clear that the 7.5 perincome tax, which Mr. Kohl

agree on major contentions is-sues, including wider surveil-lance powers for the police and budget deficits, also remained a major hurdle.
"We believe a clear time lim

must be set for the solidarity surcharge," said Werner Hoyer. general secretary of the Free Democrats. His mainly middleclass, pro-business party favors lean government and low taxes.

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## Spaniards Lament Ruining of the Bulls

MADRID - From prehistoric cave paintings to Picasso murals, bulls have always been associated with Spain's national imagery. Or so almost everyone in Spain is now passionately affirming since the Ministry of Public Works has condemned dozens of huge metal cutouts of bulls that dot the countryside.

Weighing more than four tons, they stand about 40 square feet (3.6 square meters) and have loomed on hills, plams, cliffs, farmlands, and vineyards since 1957 as advertisements for a brandy called Ve-

For the vast majority of Spaniards, the bulls, 97 of them, have become part of the nation's cultural and artistic heritage. But for the Public Works Ministry and the European Union, the black silhouettes are mere advertising, and in 1988 the government banned all the billboards as safety

Because legislation was unclear about nonwritten advertisements, the bulls gained a reprieve after Osborne, an Anda-

lusian wine and spirits company that owns the metal billboards, painted over the red-lettered brand name. In September, however, the government banned all types of advertising or advertising symbols that are visible from highways.

As Osborne appealed to the Supreme Court, a national debate has risen in defense of the endangered national symbol. An association called España Abierta, or Open Spain, demanded that the bulls be declared part of Spain's artistic patrimony.

"The Osborne bull is one of the most original symbols that advertising has ever produced, becoming a unique and solid reference to our collective consciousness," said Agapito Pageo, the chairman of España Abierta.

After weeks of passionate debate on television and radio talk shows, during which intellectuals and artists joined the bandwagon, the Andalusian regional government announced plans on Oct. 13 to catalogue the bulls as part of the region's cultural heritage, thereby rescuing 20. Hundreds of towns have offered to install bulls on municipal land, safe from highway jurisdiction.

To Bigas Luna, the Catalonian film director who used one of the giant bulls as a backdrop for his movie "Jamon, Jamon" in 1992, "the Osborne bull is contemporary art." So Mr. Luna offered to buy all the endangered 97 bulls and install them as an outdoor museum in Monegros, a barren hilly area in northeastern Spain where the movie was filmed. Osborne said it would consider any offer if all amnesty efforts

Despite the grass-roots support for the bulls, the Public Works Ministry argued it had no power to determine exceptions to the law. A spokesman said the highway department would await the Supreme Court's ruling, a process that will give the bulls another reprieve of about three years.

In the meantime, Osborne and bull lovers hope that other regional governments will also declare the roadside silhouettes

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# Aid Flows Freely in Ruined Rwanda, but the Government Gets Barely a Drop

By Raymond Bonner

New York Times Service KIGALI, Rwanda — The justice minis-

ter sits in his fifth-floor office surrounded by debris. Virtually every window in the front of the building is shattered; offices are barren. Some 150 people worked in this building

before the civil war; today, there are 27. The justice minister, Alphonse Nkubito, cannot pay them their salaries, let alone think about trying to hire more.

One of the most urgent tasks facing Rwanda and its new government is setting up a judicial system to punish the killers and to encourage refugees to come home, to say nothing of dealing with ordinary crime. Mr. Nkubito has a dozen judges and prosecutors for the entire country.

The ruin at the Justice Ministry is repeated at the ministries of public works, interior, education and the promotion of another relief organization calls on him, could begin to provide rudimentary ser- pay workers for three months, the time march along both sides of Umuganda Boulevard, east of downtown Kigali. An occasional worker crosses to a nearby office by walking out a broken window onto the balcony.

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Today, this tiny country is flooded with international relief. The world's governments have contributed \$384 million to the United Nations for what is called the Rwanda crisis, and the streets of the capital are crowded with white vehicles from nearly every UN agency. And there are more than 100 nongovernmental relief agencies from around the world working here, from Africare to World Vision. But from this sea of international aid.

there has been barely a drop for the new Rwandan government.

women, whose multistory shells of offices asking him what he needs. Finally, he prepared a memo, which he has had to type repeatedly since he has no copy machine. His needs run from vehicles to typewriters and paper, to say nothing of glass.

"Up to this day, I have not received one thing," he said in an interview.

Even senior UN officials think that the international aid is not being well spent. "If I were a taxpayer, I would want to know what are you doing with the \$384 million," said Shaharyr Khan, the ranking UN official here. Much of the money is going to caring for refugees and establishing long-term programs rather than to rebuilding the structure of the government.

The millions being spent on the refugees was "very necessary," he said, but it was equally critical for money to be made Almost every day, Mr. Nkubito said, available for the government so that it

vices. "I think the donor community should look at what is really needed," Mr. Khan said.

The windows in the airport control tower, shattered during the civil war, are still boarded up. It would cost \$30,000 to put in new glass. The United Nations does not have the money.

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needed to restore power throughout the country. The UN operation here cannot come up with that money either.

Nor can the government. The banks and treasury were looted by the former officials as they fled. Without money to pay salaries, the government has assigned soldiers to most civil functions, from traffic control

The situation is made worse because even the army is not being paid. This means that soldiers are finding other ways to get money. In the capital, soldiers have taken over several houses, abandoned by occupants who fled, and are renting them for profit. Soldiers are also in charge of many prisons because the Justice Ministry has no money to run them, Mr. Nkubito

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of high-living officials and pressed by in-herited debts, President Nelson Mandela's government has announced austerity measures, including cutting the pay of top elected officials, whittling down the Civil Service and selling some state-owned busi-besses.

The changes, announced by Thabo Mbeki, Mr. Mandela's first deputy, were a response to growing public disillusionment with South Africa's first freely elected gov-

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Mr. Mbeki said the cuts were intended to change the government into a "leaner and more effective catalyst" for delivering

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intended to restore public confidence in the government's devotion to the poor, which has flagged in the face of indignant press accounts of lavish salaries, Concorde trips, new official silverware and freespending bodyguards.

Mr. Mandela, who has been on vacation, chafed in a recent interview over the difficulty of calling for public sacrifice when no one believes that the government is setting an example.

"We have this problem: we have the high salaries and we are living in luxury." he said. "That destroys your capacity to speak in a forthright manner and tell people to tighten their beits." Potentially far more important than the

pay cuts were the vows to shake up the Civil Service and to begin privatizing state The savings would go to reduce a stran-

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companies is a remarkable twist for Mr. Mandela's African National Congress, which until recently favored the reverse nationalizing private enterprises as a way of redistributing white wealth, Converted to the doctrines of fiscal dis-

cipline and free markets, Mr. Mandela and other top officials now argue that selling off government companies not only would raise money for social programs but also could be a way to attract foreign investment and create more black capitalists.

Mr. Mandela's party has been ridiculed by its allies because one of its first acts was to accept a pay raise recommended by a commission of the departing government. "Someone has observed that they

stopped the gravy train only long enough to get on," said Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican leader and Noble Peace

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#### China After the Emperor

In a Communist state one point of deep vulnerability is the recurrent crisis of succession. It is like the politics of an absolute monarchy in which everything depends on who inherits the throne. But, unlike a monarchy's, China's rules of inheritance are always in contention. Deng Xiaoping, who has held the ulti-mate power in China for 16 years, is now slowly dying. His grip has failed to a point at which open competition has broken out among the many factions vying to name his successor.

The key question for the Chinese is whether the economic reforms will continue under the next emperor. It was Mr. Deng who relaxed the central government's control over economic life and began to move the country toward open markets. The results have been spectacular. Since 1980, according to the World Bank, the country's output has been rising by more than 9 percent a year — three times the worldwide average, and a rate slightly better than Japan's in the steepest phase of its ascent a generation ago.

Rapid growth imposes fierce strains on any society and inevitably threatens the existing distribution of power. Not everyone in the Communist leadership welcomes it. But you have to be skeptical about the proposition, incautiously taken for granted by many Americans, that

open markets will quickly and directly bring political democracy. Two smaller Asian countries, South Korea and Tai-wan, grew rich under highly authoritarian governments and only very recently have begun to turn convincingly toward de-mocracy. The pressures for more open government in China are substantial, but whether they will triumph in this decade, or even in this generation, is no more easily predictable than anything else about the coming succession.

China's brilliant progress toward great-er prosperity is often contrasted with the current turbulence and instability in Russia. But Russia has one important advantage. In abandoning one-party rule and taking that crucial step toward democracy, it has begun to develop a style of government that will probably prove better suited than China's to riding through the enormous social dislocations and stresses that both countries are encountering.

In choosing China's next emperor, the Communist Party, which is by no means of one mind on the subject, faces a dire choice. Maintaining traditional political control means much slower growth, just as continued fast growth requires a further relaxation of control. That is the choice around which Chinese politics

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

## **Exploiting Honest Grief**

Families of murder victims have heartbreaking stories to tell, but candidates for political office all over America are dis-playing a distasteful tendency to exploit these stories for their own benefit. This is a shameful new form of victim abuse. The shame is compounded when the politi-cian fraudulently uses a family's bereavement to argue for the death penalty and to depict an opponent as soft on crime.

Take the Florida commercial in which Jeb Bush, running for governor, attacks the incumbent, Lawton Chiles. It shows the mother of a 10-year-old murder victim, Elisa Nelson, who says that Larry Mann, convicted of Elisa's killing 14 years ago, "is still on death row and we're still waiting for justice." She adds: "We won't get it from Lawton Chiles because he's too liberal on crime."

The complaint is that Mr. Chiles has not signed a new death warrant to replace the expired warrant signed in 1986. But signing a new warrant would not speed the execution, since, as the governor explains, the case is still on appeal in the courts. This, then, is a bad rap on Mr. Chiles even among those who lust for executions, since eight killers have been executed during his term.

New Yorkers have been exposed to a similar case of false packaging. Attacking Governor Mario Cuomo's opposition to the death penalty, the Republican chailenger George Pataki's campaign produced an ad that blamed a particular murder on Mr. Cuomo's allegedly soft

parole policies. On camera is Carol McCauliff of Red Hook, Brooklyn, describing the murder of her son. "I blame it all on Cuomo and his policies," she says, adding: "Cuomo does not care about the victims of crime. He cares about the criminals." Yet state records show that the killer, although he had been paroled, was not on parole at the time of the crime. His full sentence had ended before the murder, so he would have been free in any event.

Not all victim families agitate for the death penalty, and one Cuomo ad makes a worthy point about an effective but largely ignored way to decrease murders. The ad features one victim and a relative of two other victims in the shootings on the Long Island Rail Road last December. Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was killed and whose son was partly paralyzed, argues not for capital punishment but for a state ban on assault weapons that the governor seeks. "He's been fighting so hard to get this bill passed," Ms. McCarthy says. "I don't understand why the Republicans — and I'm a Republican, and this really hurts — they're fighting this."

The grief and anger of family members in the death penalty ads is real, but its exploitation is cynical and unworthy. Most of the ads insult the intelligence of viewers, and some of them are plain wrong as to the facts. Viewers cannot stop the tawdry show, but they can change channels.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Gentlemen All

On one of the Sunday morning interview shows, presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos referred several times to the person charged with firing a semiautomatic rifle at the White House as the "gentleman." That would seem an odd use of the word, but oddly enough it isn't anymore. The term is regularly employed these days by police officers and law enforcement spokesmen to describe suspected bank robbers, housebreakers, homicidal maniacs and carjackers they have nabbed, as well as whatever free-ranging felons they might be tracking at the moment. ("The gentleman was last seen wearing a ski mask and firing at random from a pickup truck on 1-63.")
Our dictionary has a number of defini-

tions for "gentleman." The first is "a man of good family, breeding or social position." Among the others are "a civilized, educated, sensitive, or well-mannered man" (No. 4) and "a male attendant upon a king, queen or other royal person"
(No. 6). None seems to exactly fit the category of violent criminal.

It is possible that the transformation of suspects into gentlemen (assuming that it isn't just a case of the police being sarcastic) is part of the trend toward a more expansive view of due process, which has been a matter of continuing concern ever since Sergeant Joe Friday started advising suspects of their Miranda rights. Thus, a defendant might be entitled not only to a lawyer and the presumption of innocence but to the supposition that he could just as well be a fine fellow and a civilized, educated, well-mannered pillar of the community - at least until his trial, after which he may be known as an ax murderer.

Eventually, the dictionary will probably have to bow to current usage and add a new definition, something on the order of: "any male person not actually convicted of a serious crime or whose conviction was not overturned on anpeal." Purists will blanch, but the American electorate, in its current sour mood, would probably consider it quite appropriate if the new line were inserted right after definition No. 8 as it now appears in the dictionary: gentleman — "a male member of the U.S. Congress."

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Other Comment

#### North Korea: Building Trust

We have had objectives through these 16 months of negotiations that were pretty clear. Overall, we've characterized them as a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, but the subtext to that was to deal with problems which we can roughly characterize as problems that relate to the past activity of the North Koreans, the current nuclear program and the direction that the program was headed in the fu-ture. And we think the framework document that we negotiated addresses all

three of these areas of their program. The agreement is not, as the president said, based on trust. Maybe it'll produce trust, but it's not based on trust. It's based on verified compliance. And we'll be watching all along the way.

Robert Gallucci, chief U.S. negotiator, as quoted by The Washington Post.



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# Herald Tribune Japan's Anti-War Constitution Was and Remains Wise

TOKYO — Calls for Japan, as an aspiring permanent member of the UN Security Council, to play a more active role in United Nations military activities are dangerous. They ignore the anti-war clause in Japan's constitution. Worse, they ignore the reasons why the Allied powers, the United States especially, insisted on that clause in the first place.

In 1945, the Allies accepted that militaristic Japan was not quite in the same category as Nazi Germany. Important elements in Japan had tried to counter the militarists. To some extent Japanese aggressions were moves to counter earlier Western expansion into Asia. So Japan was allowed to retain its emperor system, and purges of top Japanese were not as thorough as they might have been.

The war had also revealed the complete inability of the Japanese government to control its military, and the emotional case with which the Japanese people could be led into all manner of hysterical militaristic excess once the military did gain control.

Nothing has happened since 1945 to change those reasons. The Japanese are still a highly emotional people - witness the recent land and share booms, for example. And as in the past, the government is still unable to control its ministries.

In Japan's tribally cellular society, groups put their own interests, survival and expansion ahead of all else. If rival groups compete there is a kind of rough control, but without competition the cells expand cancerously, to the point where they can easily dominate the entire body politic. That is what happened with the prewar military. It could happen again.

Even in postwar, pacifist Japan it is

By Gregory Clark

It was for these good reasons that Japan, unlike Germany, was forced by its postwar constitution to "forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes."

taken for granted that the military can

impose total loyalty and indoctrination on its members; that, after all, is what other groups do to guarantee their exis-tence. Most also accept that the military

is entitled to boost its prestige and morale. Every move to send forces abroad for peacekeeping operations and other purposes, even a few minesweepers into the Gulf, is used for heavy chest-puffing publicity, calls on the prime minister and patriotic flag-waving.

Japan is at a crucial evolutionary stage. The "tribal" political factions and parties are gradually merging into Western-style parties. A key issue is whether the antiwar constitution should be revised to allow Japan to play a more activist military role in the United Nations etc.

The Socialists and liberal elements from the formerly dominant Liberal Democratic Party or elsewhere are gradually forcing themselves into a pro-constitution, anti-activist bloc. Others, centered on the former LDP power broker Ichiro Ozawa, use the banner of national reform to push in the opposite direction.

The West could influence the outcome of this struggle. Out of ignorance and misplaced zeal, the Western media have backed Mr. Ozawa's activism and poohpoohed the current Socialist/LDP coalition government. The media should do more homework.

Meanwhile, Tokyo should be encourged to stick to its low-posture policies in the United Nations and elsewhere. Japan has in the past pushed hard for nuclear disarmament. It was being the establishment of a United Nations register of all arms sales. It could go one stage further; propose that future UN military spending be met mainly by the nations that profited from those arms sales.

Many in Asia are less than happy to see the Japanese military flexing muscle. Mr. Ozawa has gained much favorable publicity in the West over his call for Japan to behave as an "ordinary" nation in world affairs. Japan is not an ordinary nation. The West had the wisdom to know this in 1945. It should keep to that wisdom.

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#### Iraq: When Clear Conditions Are Met, Embargoes Should Be Lifted

PARIS — After four years of a strict embargo and at a time when there were signs of progress toward the lifting of sanctions on its oil exports, Baghdad, flying in the face of all logic, indulged in an irresponsible provocation by moving three elite divisions south toward the border with Kuwait.

Why do such a thing? As a protest against the maintenance of a tough sanctions regime prohibiting Iraq, defeated in 1991, from exporting its oil and importing the goods it needs? As a concession to the military, which has doubts about its leader's determination? As a desperate move to divert attention by a leader whose people are suffering for reasons they no

By Alain Juppé The writer is foreign minister of France.

And should this strategic mistake, which seems to prove right all those who see Saddam Hussein's Iraq as a permanent threat, lead us to increase Baghdad's isolation and forever deny it any reintegration into the international community?

France does not believe in the inevitability of confrontation and war, but, rather, seeks a peaceful alternative.

the obligations imposed on it by the UN Security Council resolutions. If Baghdad takes this path, the international community should respond to positive acts on its part in order to convince Iraq that it is clearly in its interest to choose cooperation and not confrontation.

Some obligations have already been carried out: elimination of a large proportion of the nuclear, ballistic and chemical weapons of mass destruction, and satisfactory cooperation with the UN Special Commission. But the ball

recognize, without ambiguity and haggling, Kuwait's sovereignty and the inviolability of the Iraqand stop merely expressing laudable intentions. It must prevaricate no longer. It must cooperate fully. It has, moreover, no choice. Desperate moves to avert attention will not work.

None of the states in the region which I have just visited — Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman - wants too long a a banishment of Iraq, since it can contribute to the stability of a region facing manifold threats. No one wants the dismantling of Iraq, or seriously argues that Baghdad's return to the oil market carries risks of economic destabilization. And nobody is adopting a Manichaean attitude tying normalization to

the departure of Saddam Hus-Kuwait border. It must act clearly sein, even though many continue to consider him unpredictable and unreliable.

To move forward now, Iraq must prove its peaceful intentions. It must show its willingness to cooperate over the fate of the Kuwaiti prisoners and missing persons and respect the rights of the Kurdish and Shiite minorities who live on Iraqi soil. Baghdad's full and wholehearted recognition of Kuwait is indispensable and nonnegotiable. That would be a new and major development that we

would have to take into account Today, France wants to reinforce the regional realism of the Gulf countries, not only by solidly standing by them, but also by offering Iraq a clear prospect of emerging from the crisis. Peace in the Gulf is not beyond reach.

Beyond what is at stake at the regional level, the Iraqi crisis can prompt more general reflections on the United Nations' use of sanctions.

Let us be clear about this: the reintegration of a state subjected to sanctions into the international community is not negotiable. It cannot give rise to any haggling. France's message to all those responsible for the sufferings caused to their peoples by embargoes is simple: Fulfill the obligations that the world is asking you to honor, and the sanctions affecting you will be lifted.

But it is incumbent on the de mocracies to be clear about their. demands, with regard not only to . Iraq but also to Libya, Serbia and Haiti. Having the courage of clarity is our strongest asset. Ambiguity only detracts from the force of the message and the warnings addressed to these countries, while giving the governments targeted by these measures pretexts for

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evading their obligations. France is not in favor of increasing the number of embargoes still less when they are unilateral. The imposition of sanctions on states which flout international law is a very grave step, which must remain exceptional.

It is time the international community established a doctrine that can be clearly understood by everybody. Imposition of sanctions must remain a prerogative of the Security Council. France. considers that the purpose of these measures must be precisely defined - to put pressure on a given government and make it change its attitude. So I suggest that the democra-

cies establish the ground rules even more clearly.

The adoption of a resolution imposing sanctions on a member state should, in the future, comply with three conditions: that all other diplomatic avenues have been explored without success; that the Security Council resolu-tion explicitly stipulates what the incriminated state has to do to get the sanctions lifted; and that the maintenance of these sanctions is subject to regular and bona fide re-examination.

France appeals to the international community to adopt these principles. In many parts of the world, the impression is spreading that the democracies are twisting international law for their own benefit. By making the effort to be clear and responsi-. ble, we shall consolidate the force of international law.

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#### The writer, a Canadian who is researching a book on the former

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1894: Pacific New Czar? PARIS - The Herald says in an

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#### 1919: Perfect Girl II

NEW YORK - The second physically perfect American girl has been found in Miss Evelyn Mueller, of New York. A board of medical examiners has rendered the verdict on her, and she is now a rival of Miss Annette

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#### With this in mind, we again remains today in Iraq's court. insist that Iraq comply with all Baghdad must go further and

The West Promotes a Dangerous Alliance in the Gulf WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's firm response to Saddam Hussein was correct - for now. But his policy may create problems later. From afar, the Gulf region has been quiet since Iraq was trounced in 1991. Up close, however, much is changing. and not for the better.

The administration's policy of "dual containment," isolating Iran and Iraq as interna-tional pariahs, has had some unintended consequences. Although the economies of both countries have suffered, the governments have continued in power, and there appears to be no credible opposition capable of wrenching power from them.

A nightmare in the Gulf may slowly be

taking form. By isolating both countries from the world economy, and making the United States their common enemy, Washington is forcing them into each other's arms. Covert trade and cooperation are beginning between these countries. For example, Iran is swapping crude oil and products with Iraq in spite of the United Nations embargo.

Washington is losing control over the UN-Iraq process. The UN alliance that crushed saddam is in tatters. It was unsustainable in the long term. France and Russia want to reestablish traditional positions of influence in Iraq and benefit from the immense wealth that would be unlocked if it returned to the oil

markets and could rebuild its economy. Thus it is the United States alone that could end up being the protector of the Gulf against an unholy alliance of Iran and Iraq.

By J. Robinson West

both regional powers, and guarantor for the great prize in the region, Saudi Arabia. But things are changing there as well.

Saudi Arabia remains the linchpin of the world petroleum economy and has pursued a sensible oil policy in recent years. Since the oil boom of the '70s and '80s, however, when it had more than \$100 billion in foreign exchange reserves, Saudi Arabia has now become a net borrower. Paying for Operation Desert Storm cost the country more than \$55 billion. It cleaned the Saudis out financially, and a society once lubricated with oil money now has grinding gears.

Saudi Arabia is now less secure, internally and regionally, than it was. Corruption in the royal family continues. Religious opposition is growing, as well as frustration from the middle class over a lack of representation.

In September, the government announced a roundup of roughly 100 "dissidents." The number was probably closer to 1,000. But President Clinton has not marmured a word about human rights in the kingdom. Also, it went largely unnoticed in Washington, but not in the Gulf, that Saudi Arabia committed its prestige and money to supporting the rebels in a failed attempt to split and weaken neighboring Yemen in its civil war earlier this year.

U.S. policy in the Gulf is now driven by Saudi Arabia. The Saudis have been reliable friends and allies, but America should be care-

ful not to repeat its past mistake of standing or falling with a single ally, as it did with Iran. Finally, a global trend is occurring that could cause the president serious domestic

political problems. The oil industry is operating near production capacity, and demand for products is growing worldwide, particularly in Asia. Saudi Arabia, the largest producer, does not have the funds to expand its capacity. Soon there won't be any slack left in the industry. There is already far less than during the oil shocks of the 70s. At some point, Bill Clinton may need Sad-

dam Hussem's oil, estimated at more than 100 billion barrels. But if the president draws too deep a line in the sand now, he may not have any options later. The result could be a choice between unwanted concessions to Saddam, a diplomatic fiasco, or rapidly rising gasoline prices, an economic and political disaster. The president must have flexibility. The economy cannot become a commercial hostage to Iraq. America needs a new policy in the Gulf.

Right now, policy is either punitive or reactive. It must broaden its alliances in the region. New power blocs that could destabilize or even nally, America's allies must manage change positively, before it is forced upon them, and America, with disastrous consequences.

The writer, a former U.S. assistant secretary of the interior, is president of the Petroleum Finance Co., oil and gas consultants. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

ples and that it has not changed its position. After all, if the federation

broke apart, what would prevent

the regime from stripping the

Croats of their status as a constitu-

ent people, thereby achieving a

The Serbian Citizens Council,

which has established contacts

with the underground opposition

in the Bosnian Serb republic, needs outside support if it is to

have any hope of undermining the republic. The council and the

anti-nationalist Serbs it repre-

sents could be a valuable ally in

the struggle for the Bosnia that many in the West want.

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West behaves as if Mr. Karadzic

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Bosnian Serbs who mattered.

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# **Bosnia: Anti-Nationalist Serbs Stand Ready for Peace**

ONDON - In the hall of mir-Le rors that is Bosnian diplomacy, the West -- especially the five-country "contact group" treats Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic as the sole representatives of the Bosnian Serbs. In reality, they are not.

While their regime — whose forces in recent days have suffered their worst defeats by the Bosnian Army since the war began in April 1992 — controls 70 percent of Bosnia and Herzegovina, that occupied territory contains less than 40 percent of

the prewar Serb population.
Of the 1.3 million Serbs counted in the 1991 census, an indetermmate number have been killed. perhaps 600,000 have fled to the rump Yugoslavia or other countries, and 200,000 remain in the zone controlled by the internationally recognized Muslim-dominated government of Bosnia.

All these forgotten Bosnian Serbs, virtually ignored by the Western media and international diplomacy, find themselves odd man out in the Muslim-Croat federation created in Bosnia in March. Their fate, however, is crucial to Bosnia's status as a multicthnic state

When the federation was created, about 500 Serbs, predominantly urban and well educated, assembled in Sarajevo from various parts of the territory controlled by the government. They implacably oppose Mr. Karadzic's Serbian Democratic Party and his socalled Bosnian Serb Republic. Their assembly issued a declaration supporting a multiethnic and democratic Bosnia, the guaranteed safe return of all refugees to their home areas and the impartial prosecution of war criminals.

These anti-nationalist Serbs want a federal Bosnia organized on the principle of local and regional self-government - "without ethnic connotations and dominations," their declaration said. But that is what the federation

is all about: the Croat-controlled

and government-controlled zones

would be divided into eight can-

By Milovan Mracevich

tons, with four dominated by Muslims, two by Croats and two mixed. (Under the Western peace plan that the Karadzic Serbs have rejected, the Muslim-led government together with the Croats would get 51 percent of Bosnia and the Serbs 49 percent.)

What alarms the anti-nationalist Serbs is that the constitution of the federation eliminates their status as one of Bosnia's three constituent peoples. Leading the fight for a consti-

tutional amendment that would make the Serbs once again a legal constituent people in Bosnia is the 33-member Serbian Citizens Council, which was elected at the assembly in March and is headed by one of the two Serbian members of Bosnia's collective presidency, Mirko Pejanovic.

The council's biggest nightmare is the prospect of a mass exodus of Serbs who see no future for themselves in the federation. The quandary of these anti-nationalist Serbs is that while they strongly oppose the principle of ethnic political organization, the federation has forced them to

tect their interests. In the 1990 Bosnian elections. many voted for such nonethnic parties as the former Communists and the Social Democrats; today, they continue to believe that nonethnic parties provide the only

group themselves as Serbs to pro-

viable future for Bosnia. The Bosnian government's main argument against including the Serbs in the federation is that the Serbs cannot be a constituent people in two places — in the federation and Mr. Karadzic's republic. It maintains that only when his republic joins the federation will the Serbs become a con-

stituent people again. The Serbian Citizens Council argues that eliminating the Serbs as a constituent people in the federation weakens Bosnia's claim that Muslims and Croats remain constituent peoples throughout all of Bosnia - including the territory that Mr. Karadzic controls. In addition, the council challenges the legality of eliminating the Serbs as a constituent people in the federation. It argues that Bosnia's referendum on independence and its creation as a sovereign state were both based on the presence of three equal peoples.

The council maintains that by abandoning the grounds on which Bosnia was founded and internationally recognized, the Muslim-dominated regime of President Alija Izetbegovic jeopardizes Bosnia's sovereignty and

territorial integrity. In addition to the powerful diplomatic and constitutional arguments against the elimination of the Serbs as a constituent people. dropping them amounts to de facto recognition of the Karadzic-Mladic regime as the legitimate representative of all Bosnian Serbs and supports that regime's claims that Serbs cannot expect just treatment from Muslims and Croats.

None of this seems to matter much to the Izetbegovic faction of the governing Muslim Party of Democratic Action, which appears motivated by a certain vengefulness toward all Serbs, by an open resentment that more Serbs are not in the Bosnia-Herzegovina army and by a Muslim agenda that is inconsistent with the ideal of a multiethnic state.

Since the Muslim-Croat federation is a shotgun wedding that was forced by the United States and could easily break apart, especially if the arms embargo gainst Bosnia is lifted and most of the UN forces pull out, it might be argued that there is no point in worrying about the Serbs' status in it.

The underlying issue, however, is the kind of society the West wants in Bosnia - and this transcends the federation. If the West cares about preserv-

ing a multiethnic and democratic Bosnia, it should remind the Izetbegovic government that it recognized a state with three equal peo-

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ROME — An American closely acquainted with Italy, Norman Birnbanm of Georgetown University, told the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee in September that by comparison with the "spurious ideology" and media simplifications of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, the "post-fascist" Gianfranco Fini "seems like a philosopher king." He added that for

this reason Mr. Fini's political stay-ing power may be considerably greater than that of the financier-politician now heading Italy's government. Much the same thing has been said by Rocco Buttiglione, the philosopher now head of the surviving remnant of the Christian Democratic movement, the Popular Party, whom many think the key figure in Italian politics today. Mr. Buttig-tione recently said that "if Berlusconi falls, Fini succeeds." His hope, of course, is that Mr. Fini, too, will eventually fall, opening the way to Italian political reconstruction on reliably democratic terms.

Mr. Fini now is some 10 points ahead of Mr. Berlusconi in political popularity polls. On Oct. 23, the central committee of his Italian Social Movement voted in quasi unanimity to dissolve their party in January and merge it into a larger National Alliance meant to become a proper center-right national party like the Conservatives in Britain or the neo-Gaullists in France. Mr. Fini says he

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By William Pfaff

believes in liberty and democracy, able to synthesize the best traditions of political thought in this century," Italian neofascism, a turbulent but marginal factor in Italian political life since the war, is turning itself into a mainstream movement, with its leader now the most popular poli-

tician in the country. The Italian Communist Party, for years immensely powerful but unelectable, has been unsuccessfully trying to accomplish such a transformation for the last 30 years. It thought this year that it had succeeded and that its successor, the Party of the Democratic Left, would become part of the first government of the Second Italian Republic, probably in coalition with the Popular Party. Instead, Mr. Berlusconi and Mr. Fini took power, with some help from the Northern League, a confused and

fading regionalist movement. If Mr. Fini's ambitions for his new party could be relied upon, there would be no principled objection to it. A conservative movement committed to liberty is a normal component of a modern democracy. But the re-cord of the MSI, along with the anti-Semitic (and anti-American) discourse of some of Mr. Fini's associates, compels skepticism.

Fascism has been described (by the Italian scholar Emilio Gentile) Gaullists in France. Mr. Fini says he wants a modern right, which firmly thought." With the reservation that

to territorial irredentism - a threat to all that European unification has I note below, there is little of this in meant since 1945. The MSI dethe new Italian right. There is no mands Istria for Italy. rejection of the modern world, nor

Istria is the region on Italy's harking back to a romanticized past. northeastern border that once belonged to Venice, later to Austria, There is in it a strain of anti-cosmopolitanism, a hostility to the secuand now is controlled by Croatia larized values of liberal society and to and Slovenia. Its juridical status has been unresolved since the war. An a "Europe" that seems to embody agreement between Rome and Belgrade in 1975 was thrown into doubt by the collapse of Yugoslavia.

The usual complicated ethnic and historical claims are made about to whom Istria ought to belong, with both sides parading their griefs, but in what is supposed to be a new European political civilization these are claims that diplomacy and goodwill are supposed to settle.

Mr. Fini's followers have another view, Mr. Fini himself, on Oct. 18 at Trieste, demanded that Slovenians "kneel before Italians," victims of 'genocide." They must agree, he said, "that these lands are Italian" before Italy will allow Slovenia to join the European Community.

Here was the old and brutal language of fascism, its true language, a language that Western Europe and the Western world hoped to never hear again. To hear it from Italians, co-founders of the European Union. conveys the worst possible message that the nascent Second Italian Republic could deliver to its neighbors.

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with the Shiite southeast going to

Iran, the oil-bearing Sunni central-west to Syria, and the Kurdish north

to independence and war with Tur-

key. Better to keep a weak Saddam in

Baghdad. Meanwhile, the whole thing has been a dandy, if expensive,

exercise in troop dispatching. It keeps

PHILIP HOLZBERGER.

the military services on their toes.



#### In the End, a Vote for Some of the Above

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK—There are many riveting things about traveling around the United States on the cusp of a major election. Not the least of them is the ability to see political advertising designed chiefly to appeal to the stupid and meanspirited in state after state, interchangeable and unimaginative as the decor of the hotel rooms.

But it is also possible to hold your finger to the wind and discern the prevailing ethos. And this year, in many places, that ethos has

clearly been None of the Above. None of the Above is so seductive for Americans because there is no way to pursue it politically, no mechanism by which one can dissolve the government and start again from scratch. In America's democratic system, there is no way to elect a None without winding up with Someone. If that sounds a little like "Alice in Wonderland" - well, haven't these midterm elections actually been a delightful mixture of the Mad Hatter's tea party, in which everyone moves constantly but no one really goes anywhere, and the Red Queen's croquet match, with its clarion

cries of "Off with their heads!" The inevitable parabola of the None of the Above phenomenon is most easily understood by taking a backward look at that most "Through the Looking Glass" of national characters, Ross Perot. Mr. Perot came out of nowhere in 1992 with a throw-the-burns-out zest. While the press and other politicos ignored him, the feisty guy from Texas picked up a large following by being the un-candidate.

But elections play out over

time, and over time those downhome Peroticisms began to seem as predictable as smoothie political rhetoric. No matter how many charts the man hauled out, it became clear that no one could truly get rid of the deficit without even breakin' a sweat.

Then he crashed and burned: in the race, out of the race, in the race again. Weird conspiracy stories. Accusations that the Bush cam-

#### MEANWHILE

paign had tried to ruin his daughter's wedding. "How do you screw up a Texas wedding?" wrote James Carville, who ran the Clinton cam-paign. "Show up sober in a sedan? Leave with the woman you came with?" By the time the election neared its final week, Mr. Perot's biggest success was as a Halloween costume. Under scrutiny, there

was simply less than met the eye. Sometimes, early on, less can be more. No one was exactly sure what the California Senate candidate Michael Huffington stood for, no one could put a finger on the political profile of Mitt Romney in Massachusetts, no one could truly get a handle on George Pataki in New York. What counted was not who they were but who they were not: the un-Dianne (Feinstein), the un-Ted (Kennedy), the un-Mario (Cuomo). A Massachusetts pollster, Gerry Chervinsky, said not long ago. "Romney to this day is defining

himself as not Ted Kennedy."

There is a great deal of anger against what are called "career politicians," which is a strange thing; after all, no one ever complains about using a career dentist. But as the Perot time line indicates, at some point cipher must give way to substance, and voters begin to turn toward the candidate who has actually done something: say, sponsored legislation or balanced a state budget. And the uncandidates begin to come undone.

A strong Republican might have blown Governor Cuomo out of the water this time around. But a strong Republican was not at all what Senator Alfonse D'Amato wanted when he was playing kingmaker. So, polls suggest, voters are beginning to turn away from Mr. Pataki because there is no there there.

Michael Huffington's big blowup was the announcement that his children's nanny was an illegal alien. and his decision to blame same on his wife. But he was flagging in the polls before, when more and more voters began to realize they had no idea, save rich and Republican, who Mr. Huffington was - because maybe, at base, he's nothing at all.

There's the rub: Nothing at all is not the same as None of the Above, particularly when you begin to imagine it in Washington. It's not uncommon for Americans to become so disgusted by politics that they want to start from scratch. But ultimately they're forced to choose among real people; scratch doesn't make much of a senator. When a person needs constituent services. Some of the Above is better than the alternative.

The New York Times.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Noble French Neutrality

Regarding "What Sort of Superpower Can Refuse Every Risk?" (Oct. 22) by Dominique Moisi:

The most surprising statement in this tiresome rehash of American foreign policy problems is the parenthetical assertion that intervention is France's middle name, "part of its very identity." That would make French foreign policy interventionist, which it is not.

Instead, I see a general tendency toward neutral positions and appeasement, and am hard-pressed to think of any recent examples of French intervention anywhere. Is Mr. Moisi talking about Rwanda?

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About Bosnia? While these missions of mercy are noble and morally correct, they are politically neutral in vision and scope. Intervention, on the other hand, is not a neutral course of action.

In neither Rwanda nor Bosnia was there an intent to get at the cause of the misery and the horror. That is what intervention would have attempted to do.

JOE ALBERGHINI.

#### Britain's Strong Record

Regarding "The UN Effort in Bosnia Was Wrong From the Start' (Opinion, Oct. 25):

Anthony Lewis describes the British government as "the weakest, most pathetic" of modern times.

For the record, it was the government of Prime Minister John Major that had the courage to: send 20,000 troops to support the United States in the 1991 Gulf War; send warships and 800 troops to support the United States in the latest crisis in the Gulf; send 3,500 troops to Bosnia

and live with the inevitable casualties then was: If we destroy Saddam Husat a time when the United States sein, Iraq breaks into three parts. refused to deploy ground troops there; take huge political and security risks in the search for peace in Northern Ireland, and stand alone in the European Union for a more rational and pragmatic type of superstate.

this secularism and cosmopolitanism.

But this is a form of conservatism

and nationalism apparent elsewhere.

committee that the National Alli-

ance "insists on a specific Italian

identity." That is: "It opposes a gen-

eralized social equality and favors

leadership by an elite certified by

achievement. It ... considers that

national solidarity demands limits

In this respect, the National Alli-

ance challenges what Mr. Berlusconi

stands for, since the prime minister is

committed to value-free market liber-

alism and sees himself as the Italian

counterpart to Margaret Thatcher

and Ronald Reagan. His three pri-

vate TV networks, devoted to popu-

lar diversion at its cheapest, and Eu-

rope's biggest importer of U.S. films,

serials and game shows, have been a

big force in subverting the old values

of Italian society and substituting a

consumerist cosmopolitanism.

I said that "mythical thought"

survives in at least one aspect of Mr.

Fini's program. This is its rash and

profoundly subversive commitment

on the sovereignty of the market."

Mr. Birnbaum told the Senate

The trouble with people like Mr. Lewis is that they patronize those who do not share their moral outrage, which is always selective. Mr. Lewis would not, for example, describe the Wilson government of the 1960s as "weak" or "pathetic" because it refused to send troops to back the United States in Vietnam.

The Thinking on Iraq

London.

Regarding "In No Position to Knock Bush" (Letters, Oct. 17): Concerning President Bill Clinton's dispatch of troops to the Gulf area, remember that the matter goes back to 1979 - the Iran-Iraq war and is a very complicated affair. Briefly, American thinking back

Logrian-Florian, France. Immortal Latin

The students of the Latin classes at the International School of Brussels and I, their teacher, have read with interest "Latin, in the Computer Age, Shows Signs of Resuscitating" (American Topics, Oct. 5). We are very pleased with the attention Latin is getting, but we would like to object to calling Latin "the dead language of the Roman Empire." We believe that Latin is not dead, it is immortal.

B. DANKAERTS and 17 students.



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# Confusion Over Big Bang Theory

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK — Even though the universe has infinite ways of humbling them, cosmologists are nothing if not resilient and endlessly creative. They have to be, given their daunting task of standing on the shore of a small world and looking beyond the harbor lights of nearby stars to the arching waves of clustered galaxies. seeking on far horizons glimpses of the entire cosmic history, from beginning to probable end.

For more than three decades, their most satisfying reconstructions of that history have rested squarely on the "Big Bang" theory.

In the beginning, according to this model, mass was compressed into a state of infinite density, an initial singularity. Then there was a kind of explosion. Everything — space itself — expanded, thinned out and cooled. At first, all was smooth and virtually uniform. But around some faint wrinkles, called density fluctuations, matter began clumping into stars, galaxies of stars and clusters of gravitationally bound galaxies stretching across the sky.

But the universe seems to keep throwing the cosmologists nasty curves, exposing the woeful limitations of their knowledge about how in the apparently allotted time the cosmos evolved from these beginnings to a present-day structure of such manifest inhomogeneity.

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There does not seem to have been enough time. And where and what is all the invisible mass, the so-called dark matter, to account for the gravity needed to pull together such vast galactic agglo-

Such unsettling questions have left cosmologists shaking their heads and entertaining all manner of modifications in the details of their theories. Perhaps the universe underwent a brief period of accelerated expansion in its very early stages, the widely favored inflationary addendum to the Big Bang theory.

Perhaps most of the universe is composed of invisible exotic particles -WIMPs, for weakly interacting massive particles — that supply much of the gravity shaping galactic structures. But important aspects of this hypothesis have been attacked recently, and these particles have yet to be discovered.

T may be a measure of the current turmoil that some cosmologists are driven to reconsider, tentatively but with increasing interest, an idea that Einstein once proposed but later rejected, saying it was "the greatest blunder of my life." His cosmological constant, as he called it, was a kind of antigravity force,

a monumental fudge factor to force the universe he envisaged to conform with some implications of his own general theory of relativity.

Last week theorists got more perplex-

AIDS Drugs Fail to Curb Nerve Damage

By Lawrence K. Altman

New York Times Service

fections that affect the brain and central

nervous system, the incidence of such

damage is increasing among those with the

disease, a new study from a large federal

The study looked at six AIDS-related

neurological conditions among 2,641 HIV-

infected gay men in Baltimore, Washing-

ton, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles

who have participated in a long-term pro-ject directed by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethes-

da, Maryland. The study was conducted

by a team of researchers headed by Dr.

Justin S. McArthur, a neurologist at Johns

Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore.

parasitic infection; cryptococcal meningi-

tis, a fungal infection; primary lymphoma

of the brain, a cancer; progressive multifo-

cal leukoencephalopathy, a viral infection; dementia, and neuropathy, which can be a

painful and crippling degeneration of nerves leading to numbness and weakness of the hands, feet or limbs.

Of the six, dementia was the only condi-

tion for which the rate did not increase

during the period of the study, from 1985

to 1992, Dr. McArthur's team reported in

the October issue of the journal Neurol-

2.641 infected participants developed

AIDS during the study period, from 1985

The findings underscore the need for

The incidence rates of all neurological

conditions were related to the severity of the

progress of AIDS among participants. De-

mentia rarely developed earlier than other

AIDS-related illnesses. But some cases of

neuropathy and dementia were found

among those with normal numbers of CD-4

cells, the specialized cells in the immune

By weakening the immune system, HIV

makes an infected individual vulnerable to axy.

system that HIV seems to destroy.

developing more effective drugs for AIDS

and its neurological complications, Dr.

McArthur said in an interview.

ogy. About 38 percent, or 1,001, of the National Research Council in Milan.

The six conditions are: toxoplasmosis, a

AIDS project has found.

EW YORK - Despite wide-

spread use of drugs to combat the AIDS virus, which earlier studies

had shown to protect against in-

ing news and were talking more openly about the theoretical beauties of the cosmological constant. Einstein, they specu-

though for the wrong reasons. Cosmologists were responding to a report of the most accurate measurement vet of the distance to a remote galaxy, made by astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope.

lated, might have been right after all,

Calculations of the universe's expansion rate from this and other recent observations provide strong evidence that the universe may be much younger than scientists previously estimated. It may be no more than 8 billion years old, as compared with other calculations ranging up to 20 billion years.

Since some stars are reliably estimated to be 16 billion years old, the new findings mean that the universe appears to be younger than some of its components, a most disturbing paradox for cosmologists. Calling this "an apparent impossibility," Dr. George H. Jacoby, an astrophysicist at the National Optical Astronomy Observatories in Tucson, Arizona, said it "will force a re-examination of our universe model and how stellar ages are measured."

Of course, no one is accepting the low age estimate as the last word, not until further measurements are made using other techniques and are extended out to greater distances, beyond disturbing influences of local gravity. But no one is dismissing it, either.

so-called opportunistic infections, which are

caused by microbes that are generally harm-

less in individuals with healthy immune

systems. Some opportunistic infections, like

toxoplasmosis and cryptococcal meningitis,

affect the brain. The study found that drug

therapy with antimicrobials appeared to

Men with 200 or fewer CD4 cells who

Women are more than twice as likely as

men to become infected with the virus that

causes AIDS during heterosexual sex, according to a study by an Italian research group, The New York Times reported.

The study, published in the journal Epi-

demiology, provides further evidence that

anatomical and physiological differences

between the sexes make women more sus-

of HTV-infected men and 206 male part-

ners of HIV-infected women, is the largest

published epidemiological attempt to doc-

ument the role of a person's sex in the transmission of the human immunodefi-

The results correspond to previous re-

search efforts, which suggest that the risk

of becoming infected during sex may be

three to five times greater for women than

it is for men, said one of the authors, Dr.

Massimo Musicco, of the Institute of Ad-

vanced Biomedical Technologies at the

Astronomers Find a Galaxy

Just Beyond the Milky Way

LONDON — Astronomers have cut through the murk of the Earth's solar system to discover a new galaxy close by, according to the issue of the journal Nature published Thursday.

Ofer Lahav of Britain's Institute of Astronomy and his colleagues turned the

tronomy and his colleagues turned the Dwingeloo radio-telescope in Leiden, the

Netherlands, to a special hydrogen fre-

quency to cut through the heavy Milky Way dust and found a "large spiral gal-

ciency virus among heterosexuals.

The Italian study, of 524 female partners

ceptible than men to contracting HIV.

took antimicrobials were less likely to de-

velop the infections than similar men who

help prevent these two infections.

did not take such drugs.

Greater AIDS Risk for Women

# Cholesterol May Not Harm Elderly

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

EW YORK — Cholesterol levels. which accurately predict risk of heart disease in middle-aged people, appear to have no such pre-dictive value in the elderly, a new study has

The study, by investigators at Yale University, included 997 men and women 70 years old or older who were followed from 1988 until the end of 1992. It is one of the very few studies of cholesterol to focus on people over 65, and in fact the average age of the study participants was 79.

The researchers report that although a third of the women and a sixth of the men had high cholesterol levels, these people did not have any more heart attacks during the study period than those whose cholesterol levels were normal or even low, nor were they more likely to die from heart disease or from any cause.

The study was published Wednesday in The Journal of the American Medical Association. "This is good news for old peo-ple," said Dr. Stephen B. Hulley, the chair-

man of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California at San Francisco. He said the study showed that after about the age of 70, "they can take it easy and relax" and stop

worrying about cholesterol. Dr. Hulley said the findings were "very important" because there has been virtually no information on cholesterol's effects in the very old. Although this study by itself is unlikely to be definitive, he said, its findings are bolstered by those of the Framingham Heart Study, now in its 46th year, which also found no effect of cholesterol in the elderly.

R. Michael Criqui, an expert on cholesterol and heart disease at the University of California at San Diego, said the Framingham data showed, in fact, that cholesterol levels taken at the age of 50 were a better predictor of heart disease risk at 70 or 80 than cholesterol levels at 70 or 80.

Dr. Harlan M. Krumholz, the study director, a cardiologist and epidemiologist at the Yale University School of Medicine, said many old people were alarmed by their cholesterol readings and were trying

desperately to get them down, with diet or often with cholesterol-lowering drugs.

But Dr. Krumholz, Dr. Hulley and others say that since there is no evidence that lowering cholesterol helps in people over 70, doctors should not even take cholester-

of measurements in old but otherwise healthy patients. Dr. Hulley explained:
"At least for people in their late 70s and beyond, we don't know what's a good cholesterol level. We actually don't know whether you're better off with a high one or a low one, so there is no point in measuring it." He added that there was especially no point in treating old people with cholesterol-lowering drugs and said he was deeply concerned because many people in their late 70s and older were taking those medications.

At first glance, the questioning of cho-lesterol's effects may sound odd, heart disease researchers said. One possible explanation, said Dr. David Kritchevsky, a cholesterol researcher at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, is that anyone who reaches 80 or so with a high cholesterol level and no evident heart disease may be immune to cholesterol's effects. "The bullet has missed you," he said.

#### **NEW YORK FASHION**

#### Mizrahi's All-American Swirls

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribine

EW YORK - What is as American as apple pie, gangsta rap, blue jeans or O. J. Simpson T-shirts?

Ever since New York designers have tried to move on from signature sportswear, there is no one look that seems modern.

Even if he is fixated on old movies, with Veronica Lake hairdos and gilt-edged glamour. at least Isaac Mizrahi's show seemed all-American. It was bandbox fresh with its windowpane-checked jackets, its lipstick-pink suits and daisy-printed dresses. It was shot with New York humor, as witticisms were projected above the runway like the electronic news in Times Square. "Business as unusual," announced a series of loudly checked pantsuits. A fitted, scoop-neck jacket was pro-nounced: "Sexual harassment." And shapely swimsuits, with white vinyl beach robes lined in terry cloth, came out to the words: "Esther Williams never got sand in her suit."

Sex and secretaries seemed to be on Mizrahi's mind — and that was the problem with a show that had high points, like the bright pink and green plaids, the fresh white blouses with long flower-patterned skirts and the cashmere-withsequins sweater-sets.

however wittily without seeming retrograde. Mizrahi's plain dresses with Peter Pan collars and skinny belts looked Doris Day prissy. His preferred skirt — straight, slim, stopping just over the knee with a vent at the back - belonged to an era before

women took work in their stride. Mizrahi was on surer ground with sporty pantsuits and with the heyday-of-Hollywood looks that he favored before they came hot on the high heels of the glamour movement

Is it the glamour craze or a shift in American lifestyles that ham's standards. Prints were of- dainty dresses and graceful as watching children's TV.



UT how hard it is to Isaac Mizrahi's striped suit with knee-length skirt.

makes so many runway clothes ten reduced to jacket lining, or for after dark? From the vodka- glitter to a skinny rhinestone belt and-orange suit that started the on a raspberry crepe dress. Oldshow to the champagne se- ham did not come up with many quined hot pants, Todd Oldham shapes, with the midriff-cropped served up a cocktail of color and top, the slim-skirted suit, the sparkle. The Escada team in the wrap-dress and the curvy cowaudience, checking out the boy shirt worn outside skinny house's new design consultant, pants reworked in different fabfound everything upbeat: chinoiserie satin dresses with bright tering pastries and multicolored embroideries: slithers of python Japanese parasols. Since the suprint, witty cowgirl-goes-to-the-permodels so obviously enjoyed

The show was calm by Old-

rics. Prints included mouth-wa-Tirol looks with flowered braid strutting the stuff, Oldham gave instead of studs.

Carolina Herrera's show of

gowns was very reassuring for any woman aspiring to be a New York socialite. Her potential cli-ents, from Pat Buckley through Maria Trump (with trophy husband Donald), were mexplicably placed in row four. But even from there they could admire the womanly in-at-the-waist silhouettes, graphic pantsuits, pretty pastels of mint, aqua, pink, primrose or orange sorbet, and dainty decoration from scalloped necklines through bows. It was, in its conventional way, a very pretty show.

NNE Klein was one of the great American sportswear designers. The house is undergoing a metamorphosis, but should the designer Richard Tyler, in his second season, have moved so far into city slick, with more shiny satin than seemed really necessary and evening dresses engulfed in flames of inset color? The best of the show came at the start, when classic polo shirtg cropped to bare the midriff. came over narrow jeans or shorts in bright sorbet colors.

Tyler's strength is in the cut of his jackets, shaped with panels so that they caressed the body without gripping it. They went over dresses or slim over-the-knee skirts. Soft jersey dresses were dull but wearable.

Marc Eisen did Helmut Lang: skinny hipster pants: plastic dresses; mesh athletic ty in lilac, laminated chiffon or georgette dresses with ruffles and pink flowers.

Sesame Street on children's television must have been a favorite of Christian Francis Roth. In paint-bright colors, with appliqued patterns like play-school drawings, came circle skirts and cropped tops. short swingy dresses and even a grass-green coat with its belt made from a jump rope. A simple suit with a random scattering of numbers was cute. But for grown women in American today, it seemed as appropriate

#### **BOOKS**

THE NIXON MEMO: Political Respectability, Russia, and the Press

By Marvin Kalb. 248 pages. \$19.95. University of Chicago Press.

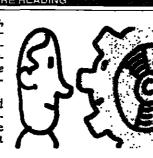
Reviewed by Barbara Kellerman

MARVIN Kalb was smart to tell this tale in which personality, press and policy are inextricably entwined. Once labelled a "Romanian agent" and placed on President Nixon's "enemies list," he has visceral knowledge of the former chief executive's conniving character. In his current position as director of the Shorenstein Barone Center on Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard, he focuses on where press and politics intersect. And since the matter at hand concerns Nixon's preoccupation with Russia, where Kalb has been stationed, the fit between author and subject is perfect.

WHAT THEY'RE READING Sarwono Kusumaatmadia Indonesia's environment minister, is reading "Reinventing Government: How the Entrepreneurial Spirit Is Transforming the Public Sector," by David Os-borne and Ted Gaebler.

"This book gives proven and practical examples of how governments cope with scarce funds and other resources, yet perform better."

(Michael Richardson, IHT)



At the center of the action is a Zbigniew Brzezinski, Hugh Simemo written by Richard Nixon in February 1992 that declared in no uncertain terms that unless the Bush administration spearheaded a hard drive to provide extensive aid to Russia, we were at risk of "losing" this most important of the former Soviet Republics. In the beginning the memo was sent only to 50 of the best and brightest - such influential luwere the coin of the realm. minaries as Henry Kissinger,

dey and Arnaud de Borchgrave. But, Kalb writes, exclusive distribution notwithstanding, "Nixon wanted the memo to leak; he just didn't want to be fingered as the one who did the leaking." His wish was shortly granted. The press, his ancient nemesis, did the deed, and within days Nixon's ideas on what should be done about Russia

are seized by the man, by his crafty and, until his death anyway, successful reconstruction of himself, and by his capacity to snare others into his web. Take George Bush, for example. The incumbent was merely minding his business when bam! —out of nowhere, he was ambushed by his former boss. Nixon being Nixon was not content to stick to the subject aid to Russia that was more than "too little and too late." He went on to imply that if Bush failed to follow his advice and if as a consequence Boris Yeltsin fell and either anarchy or despotism ensued, Bush would be blamed. As Kalb summarizes the memo, "Right or wrong, he would be seen as the president who 'lost' Russia."

Despite the obvious genera-tional and ideological differences between them, Bill Clinton was no more able than his Kalb assumes that we'll never predecessor to escape Nixon's

not want to hear another yarn orbit. Dealt a foreign policy hand that under optimum cirabout Richard Nixon, and he is cumstances was unfamiliar, and probably right. Once again we unsteady himself on Russian terrain, Clinton soon became a ready customer of Nixon's wares. Here Kalb permits himself a harsh judgment. Writing about the Nixon-Clinton connection, Kalb notes dryly that in general, the White House "seemed utterly tone deaf to the inappropriateness of a Democratic president treating Nixon as a revered foreign policy adviser." The fact that Nixon had a greater impact on Democrat Bill Clinton than on Republican George Bush is labeled "the ultimate irony.

> candidate for this dubious distinction: the press as primary on's memo did shove this vehicle of Nixon's rehabilita- chronic question front and cention. As Kalb's chronicle makes ter. meticulously clear, without willing agents ranging from Daniel Schorr to William Safire, and without ready vehicles scientist, journalist and commensuch as The New York Times and CNN (which carried his ington Post.

I would nominate a different

subsequent speech on the subject "live"). Nixon would have lacked a medium to send his message. The former president had left to him neither power nor position. To carry his voice he had to rely mostly on the kindness of strangers.

compelling nature of the debate itself. We are, after all, familiar with the many resurrections of Richard Nixon, and we generally understand the power of the press full well. What we still have failed to master completely is the issue of how to behave as a nation at the international level. For all the flaws in his argument, and for all the selfserving reasons he had for presenting it in the first place, Nix-

Barbara Kellerman, a politicul tator, wrote this for The Wash-

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott HE diagramed deal is a

1 constructed one, and the reader may wish to consider what is interesting about it before reading on. It was created many years ago by Waldemar von Zedtwitz, an aristocrat ndness of strangers.

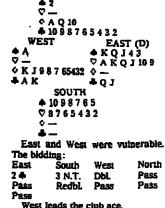
What lingers longest is the in Hawaii 10 years ago.

In bridge, he was brilliant both as a player and an admin-istrator. His closest friend and colleague was Albert Morehead and they worked together on book projects. One day, a young associate, Joel Gaines, a games inventor who has changed his name to Prince Joli Kansil, made up a deal in which South could make three notrump against any defense AAK holding nine high-card points in the combined North-South hands.

Morehead fairly quickly went one better, with seven points in the North-South hands. And after an hour of effort, von Zedtwitz came up with the dia-gramed deal, with points, prob-ably the ultimate. The bidding

is fictional, but makes a smidgen of sense if one accepts that South is operating in the hope of landing in a major suit, and ? that an obtuse North fails to appreciate taht the final redouble is an S.O.S.

Conceive the frustration of the imaginary East-West, on finding that 34 high-card points is not enough to beat three notrump redoubled. In fact, a diamond lead permits an over-





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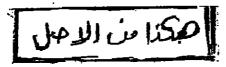
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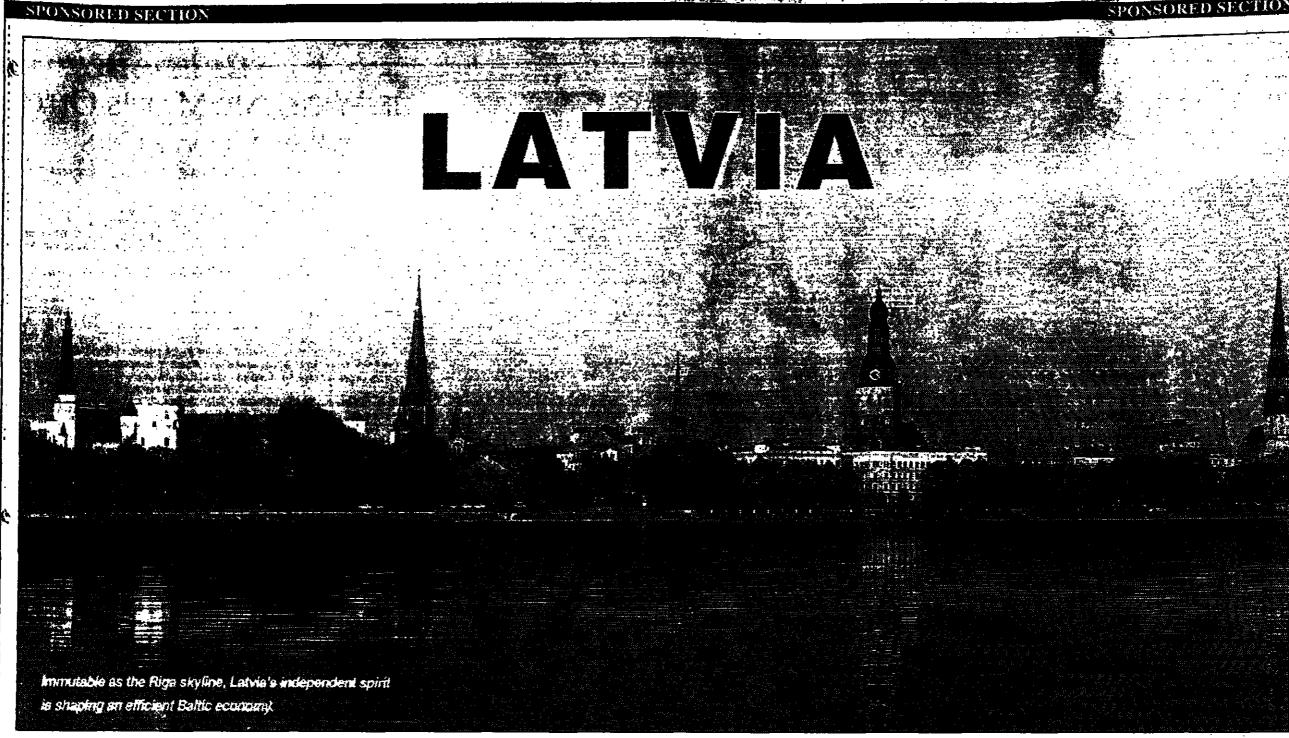
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#### STRUCTURING AN ECONOMY OF LEGACY AND NICHE

The Latvian economy has now returned to growth, with a 1 percent to 4 percent increase forecast for 1994.

is living quite well off its reputation at the moment. The "Switzerland of the Eastern Baltic" is how three of Western Europe's leading dailies labeled the country in recent articles, a reference to both the country's perceived attributes and its current way

of earning a national living. Like Switzerland, Latvia has a reputation that stems from the world's appreciation of its finances and financial sector. The Latvian government has shown a unbalanced budgets, trade deficits and debt loads. Latvia has a rock-hard currency, the lat, whose strength comes from the reect accorded to the Latvian banking system's efficiency, probity and reliability. Also like that of Switzerland, Latvia's financial sector is thriving on inflows of funds seeking a safe haven from political and economic uncertainty.

Functional and dynamic In a description worthy of Switzerland, Latvia is viewed as "a place that Latvia was an integral part works." In the words of a Riga-based German chemical executive, it is a place "where officials are responsible and their actions accountable, where it is possible to process trade documents, make a telephone call and get a supplier on short

The country also features a Swiss-like ethnic makeup, with ethnic Latvians accounting for 52 percent of the population, and Russians

their reputations, and Latvia riven by segregation and mistrust, but now aided by increasingly conciliatory governmental policies, the country's ethnic groups are making steady progress toward a Switzerland-like pluralism.

Successful survival

Although edifying, such comparisons don't even begin to encompass the vast accomplishments of the Latvian government over the last two short years," says Professor Manfred Meier-Swiss-like abhorrence for Preschany, who has been serving as the government's chief economic adviser since July 1993. "Nor do they imply the long, hard work that still lies ahead. Before anyone even thought of making ringing comparisons to Switzerland or Singapore, Latvia was confronting lifeor-death questions about national economic survival. That has been Latvia's initial, most important accomplishment: surviving - and surviving well - the most wrenching readjustment imaginable

Until independence, of the Soviet Union's economic and energy supply systems. As late as 1990, transactions with the dissolving Soviet Union directly accounted for half of Latvia's gross domestic product and 95 percent of its total trade.

Transit transactions Today, trade with the Soviet successor states amounts to around 40 percent of the

country's total. Since much

transactions, Latvia's "net exposure" to the CLS is said to be about 10 percent of GDP. By tapping new sources of supply and reconfiguring existing networks. Latvia is no longer energydenendent on Russia," says Adrians Davis, chief executive officer of the country's natural gas authority. A sign of change: environmentally friendly natural gas now accounts for 40 percent of the nation's energy budget. This shift is one factor behind the noticeable improvement in the country's ambient environment, seriously strained

Back in the black In fact, as Mr. Meier-

under the Soviet system.

Preschany points out, Latvia has been doing more than merely surviving. After the first two post-independence years' plunges, the country's economy made a return to the growth columns in mid-1994, with forecasts now ranging between 1 percent and 4 percent. During this time, the country's private sector has been undergoing a major expansion. Since 1991, some 60,000 companies have been founded, of which an impressive 4,000 are either partially or totally owned by outside investors from 80 countries. Net purchasing power per capita has risen 18 percent over the past three years, suggesting the source of the obvious prosperity to be seen in Riga and in other major cities: a "shadow economy" of considerable size.

"Survival has, to a great

mall countries live off two-thirds of the rest. Once of that stems from transit niche," says Mr. Meier-Preschany. Lasting, deeply based prosperity is going to come from employing the niche's resources, impetus and contacts to restructure the 'legacy' economy. I've seen a lot of business talent, patient industriousness and hard-headed common sense in this country, and it's going to take all of those qualities to redo the legacy econ-

> Latvia's niche is handling transit trade between the main mass of the CIS countries and the outside world, and providing related storage, finishing, assembly and financial services. This niche is large. Transit trade accounts for some 90 percent of the cargo transported through the country's three largest ports: Ventspils, Riga and Liepaja. The niche is also a good provider for Latvia, keeping 1993's balances of trade, payments and services all in the black.

The Soviet legacy

The legacy economy is the patchwork of aging industrial conglomerates built by the Soviets, and the local monocultures existing around them, often the sole sources of employment for communities. There's another legacy from the past: the great stock of highly qualified, entrepreneurially minded people working at the conglomerates," points out Janis Zvanitajs, Latvia's economics minister. "Many green shoots are springing up in local communities. Our job is to interlink the niche and the legacy econoextent, come from the my, to put our international

business community on-line with our local communi-

In fact, according to the latest statistics, that process has already started. Manufacturing output is currently up 10 percent over the previous year, led by a fast-grow-ing, successfully exporting food-processing industry. "Real" (included unreported) unemployment seems to have peaked at 8 percent. Announcements of major investments in manufacturing companies have become. standard fare in local newspapers. The upcoming wave of privatization is expected to put the restructuring of the legacy economy into full

The new vibrancy

Still, economic statistics tell only part of the story of Latvia's transformation, according to Vita Anda Terauda, one of the many Latvian-Americans taking part in rebuilding the country. A holder of dual citizenship, Ms. Terauda is the country's

minister of reform. "For most Latvians, the transformation has been experienced as a profusion of colors, possibilities, issues and, of course, concerns and worries," says Ms. Terauda. "Most of all, it's been perceived as a fast-paced flurry of events. Sometimes I have to simply stop and ask myself what happened to the Riga of bread lines and drab buildings and cold, uncomfortable rooms. That city has so little in common with today's vibrant, well-functioning Riga."

Terry Swartzberg

## PRIME MINISTER GAILS

Born in 1951, Maris countries and groupings. As Gailis earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1978. After holding a number of industrial posts, Mr. Gailis entered politics in 1990, serving as director of the international economic relations department of the Latvian government. Over the next four years, he held a variety of ministry-level governmental positions before becoming prime minister on September 15, 1994.

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Although they share ties of geography and history, the three Baltic countries have not been noticeably close or productive in the post-independence phase. What is the current situation?

Over the last three years, all three Baltic countries were often very occupied with coming to grips with their own national situations, and with defining and managing their relationships with Russia and other major

a result, our countries hadn't yet addressed themselves to filling in the practical details of the extensive, far-reaching ties mapped out in various agreements. Since June 13th and the founding of the Baltic Council of Ministers, we've been doing just that focusing on such matters as further reducing border crossing times, devising common approaches to combating crime and harmonizing business-related laws and legislation. The first proposals are now being implemented, and they are already making a noticeable difference in our citizens'

daily lives. The integration of its various ethnic groups has been described as Latvia's biggest challenge. Lawiums account for 52 percent of your country's population: two-thirds of the rest are Russians. Reports of problems with strict requirements for citizenship, including fluency in Latvian, have been appearing in the international press. Has progress been made in this area?

To describe this situation in terms of ethnic groups is misleading. Allegiances and perceptions of interest are the applicable criteria. Independence came unexpectedly and rapidly to many people resident in Latvia. Many of our country's non-Latvians had never planned to be part of an independent Larvia, nor to be here longer than a few years. They were thus left stranded here by events. And many of these people would like to return to Belarus or Ukraine or Russia, but are facing administrative and financial hurdles to their doing so. We're working on eliminating these barriers on a bilat-

eral basis. Many non-Latvians actively demonstrated their al-

country's drive for independence. Others have made it quite clear that they plan on making a life in Latvia for themselves and for their children, for very practical reasons. Our standard of liv-

ing is relatively high; life

here is attractive. For these people, and considering their depth of interest and length of time-frame, 10 years of residency and a passable command of their new country's language do not represent unreasonable or insurlegiance to Latvia during our mountable obstacles. We are

seeing encouraging signs of integration from these groups. For instance, a growing number of Russian families are sending their children to Latvian-language schools. You have to re-

A region's aresoedies e some total of energy to try out new fields. of activity."

member one thing: Our citizenship requirements were formulated to clarify an unclear, rapidly changing situation, a situation that is now achieving a new normalcy. A very practicable modus vivendi is now emerging among Latvia's various eth-

Signs of a new prosperity are very evident in Latvia, even to the casual observer. Yet there are also reports of endemic poverty. Is Latvia achieving sustainable, broad-scale economic progress, or is this prosperity restricted to a few "pockets of plenty"?

Certain economic sectors

were in our power to change, and in these areas we have acted decisively and quickly. The prosperity you're seeing has ensued from these changes. Although the move was widely criticized at the time, we set up our new currency, the lat, and made it the hardest one in the region and currently one of the hardest in Europe. Along with a freely convertible currency, we also enacted free trade, free banking and free investment policies. The result is that Larvia has now become the eastern Baltic's financial and trading center.

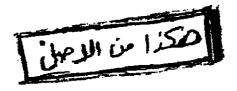
Like Hong Kong in the old days, we're handling a lot of the transit traffic between the CIS countries and the outside world, from as far away as Chile and China. As a result, our freight-processing sector is growing rapidly, along with trade-related finishing and manufac-

On a long-term basis, we can't grow without a highachieving industrial sector. Parts of our food processing and consumer goods industries have already managed the turnaround, as has our construction sector. Other manufacturing operations, often funded by foreign investment, have started up, causing a strong, overall rise in manufacturing turnover. But the restructuring of our heavy industry, which was interlinked with the Soviet system, and particularly to its military-industrial complex, is proving a large job, requiring large amounts of

capital and management know-how. Both of these items will be forthcoming from Latvia's emerging capital and equity markets, being created in conjunction with the privatization program, now well into its main phase.

A nation's prosperity, of course, is the sum total of many individuals' prosperity. Very many Latvians, included many of my own friends, have fully exploited their first-in-a-lifetime chance to try out new fields of activity, new ways of doing things. For five decades, after all, we were denied this freedom. And many people in Latvia are actually proving to be very good at running their new businesses or engaging in their previous professions in a new way. This broad array of individual, successful endeavors is what you're now seeing in Latvia.

Interview by T.S.



Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks skidded Wednesday for a third day as a Federal Reserve effort for release on Friday. to bolster the dollar failed to offset concern about an imminent increase in interest rates.

Mounting evidence of rising inflation led some investors to believe the Fed will raise rates when its policy-making com-mittee meets Nov. 15. That was enough to crase gains made by

#### U.S. Stocks

stocks after the central bank supported the U.S. currency by buying dollars and selling yen and Deutsche marks.

The Dow Jones industrial average sagged 26.24 points, to 3,837.13, after being higher much of the day. The index has lost 93.53 points over the last three days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 1.91 to 466.51 as chemical producers, media at its policy meeting.
companies and electrical equipAlso on Wednesday, the companies and electrical equip-ment manufacturers slumped. The Nasdaq Combined Com-posite Index closed 0.37 lower at 771.82.

Trading was active, with 331.39 million shares changing hands on the New York Stock Exchange, up from 314.95 mil-lion Tuesday. About four stocks fell for every three that rose on the Big Board.

Analysts said the U.S. stock market's losses also reflected the release of the Federal Reserve Board's so-called Tan Book on the economy, which said retail price pressures were building as an expanding economy pushed raw material costs

The U.S. bond market, which slumped Tuesday, weakened further Wednesday as the 30-year benchmark U.S. Treasury bond's yield rose to 8.09 percent from 8.06 percent. The market was undermined not

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since then Mr. Morgado and

Mr. Morris have changed the

leadership at all three of the

company's labels: Warner

Brothers, Elektra and Atlantic.

Sylvia Rhone, former head of

Danny Goldberg, the head of

Atlantic Records, is expected to

nervousness about Treasury refinancings and by the U.S. unemployment report scheduled

Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp., said the Tan Book made it almost certain the Fed would raise rates at the Nov. 15 meeting of its policy-setting Federal

Open Market Committee.
"The report essentially confirms what we already knew or strongly suspected, and that is | that we are seeing economic activity expand across the board," he said. "The bottom line is that it gives the Fed the ammunition to raise rates at the Nov. 15 meeting. If there's such a thing as a sure bet on Wall Street, this

Looking ahead, analysts said investors were waiting for the Friday release of the Labor Department report on U.S. employment for more concrete signs of what the Fed might do

Commerce Department reported that factory orders declined 0.2 percent in September, while orders for durable goods rose a larger-than-expected 0.4 percent last month.

OfficeMax Inc was the most active U.S. issue. Its initial public offering of 33 million shares rose 5% to 24%. The company operates more than 300 stores selling discount office products.

Biogen rose 1 to 41 after Kidder and several other houses upgraded the stock's rating, citing the stock's low price.

Intel rose rose 1% to 62% af-ter Goldman Sachs upgraded Cypress Semiconductor to "trading buy" from "moderate outperformer," saying it ex-pected rapid growth in the static random access memory chip market. The upgrade lifted the semiconductor sector as a whole.

Market Sales

say they expect Mr. Morgado to

leave, in the wake of the an-

position of president of Time

Warner — a job Mr. Morgado

Despite the chaos, much of

was thought to covet.

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sic, several people were fired at board Monday that it had

MUSIC: Smaller Labels See Opportunity for Resurgence as Major Record Companies Play Musical Chairs

ates more cash than either pub-

lishing or movies and requires

less investment than cable tele-

vision. And while music is more

tangible than "interactive me-

which had revenue of \$3.3 bil-

lion last year, is on its way to a

banner year in profits with a

relatively minimal capital in-

vestment, said John Reidy, an

analyst for Smith Barney.

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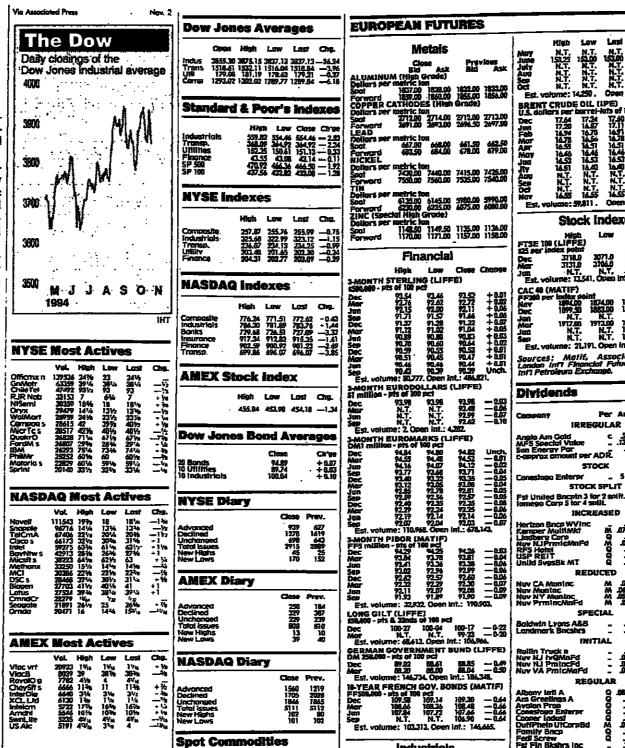
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Last week, as an open revolt

to leave the Warner Music fold.

Industry analysts say all this



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lion to generate \$700 million," cash cow, have riled the recording people, who say those who watch the bottom line stifle cre- the largest U.S. computer retailer. Warner Music is unlikely to see any near-term erosion in its ativity. position as the industry's lead-"Four of the six heads of maer, with a market share of nearly jor record companies have little

22 percent — well ahead of the or no background in the busisecond-biggest record distribuness," said one executive, citing or, Sony Music. Mr. Morgado at Warner Music, Though the in-fighting has Michael Dornemann at BMG, not been as public, other big James Fifield at EMI, and Mirecording companies have seen chael Schulhof at Sony. "If you similar discord, as corporate ex- didn't grow up in the business, "They may have put in \$50 mil-ecutives, who see music as a you don't get the gestalt."

#### U.S./AT THE CLOSE

#### Fed Says Inflation Signs Are Limited E

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — U.S. producer prices are continuing to rise, leading to increased reports of

manufacturers passing along those higher costs in their selling prices, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday. But most Fed districts are reporting no change in retail prices, although "pressure is building in some districts," the Fed said in its so-called Tan Book. The report said the nation was experiencing a broad expansion with limited signs of inflation.

Separately, the Commerce Department said that factory orders

declined 0.2 percent in September, while the index of leading indicators — a gauge of economic growth over the next half year — held steady.

(AP, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) — held steady.

#### Microsoft Announces Partnerships

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Microsoft Corp. announced Wednesday it had eight new partners in its pursuit of a strategy for deploying a set of interactive software technologies that extend from the local cable operator's offices to the consumer's living room.

The partners are Hewlett-Packard Co., network operators US West Inc., Telstra Corp. of Australia, Deutsche Telekom and systems integration companies including NTT Data, Olivetti SpA., Anderson Consulting and Alcatel Cable.

#### (NYT, AP, Knight-Ridder) Kantor Gives a Nod to Singapore

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor on Wednesday signaled an end to a trade dispute

The dispute broke out between the two countries over the punishment of an American teenager who was convicted in Singapore of vandalism. At the time, Mr. Kantor said he would block Singapore's bid to host the first ministerial meeting of the so-called World Trade Organization, which will replace the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade next year.

Revealing a compromise to break the impasse, Mr. Kantor said the first WTO ministerial session was now set to take place in Geneva and that the second meeting could then go to Singapore.

#### U S West Discussing Cable Stake

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - US West Inc., a regional telephone company, is among a number of suitors discussing buying or acquiring a stake in Continental Cablevision Inc., a closely held cable television company in Boston, according to an investment banker familiar with the discussions.

Continental Cable has held talks with some potential partners for several months and has slowly been narrowing the field to a few, including U S West and possibly a long-distance carrier, the

#### Former Towers Executive Settles

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Steven Hoffenberg, the former chairman of Towers Financial Corp., agreed to pay \$60 million to settle allegations that he defrauded investors who bought more than \$460 million of the bill-collection company's bonds and

notes, the Securities and Exchange Commission said Wednesday.

Under the settlement with the SEC, which sued him in 1993, Mr. Hoffenberg also is barred from running a public company. The . settlement includes \$29.2 million for the return of allegedly illegal profits, \$7.9 million in interest and \$22.8 million in penalties.

#### CompUSA Posts First Quarter Loss

DALLAS (AP) - CompUSA Inc. said Wednesday its loss ; widened in the first quarter of its financial year despite a 34 percent increase in sales.

During the quarter ended Sept. 24, CompUSA posted a loss of \$3.15 million on sales of \$585.7 million. The company recorded a \$986,000 loss on sales of \$436.6 million a year ago. CompUSA is .

#### For the Record

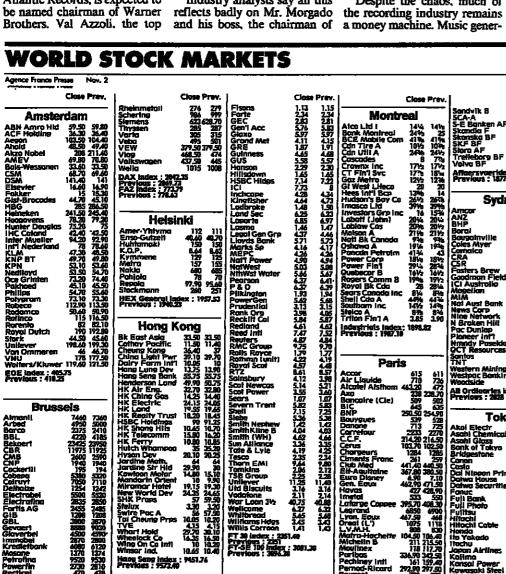
First Data Corp., the world's largest processor of credit-card transactions for banks, agreed to buy Card Establishment Services Inc. for \$500 million in stock and will assume about \$180 million

Rockwell International Corp., the aerospace, automotive and electronics company, said its fourth-quarter profit rose 10 percent to \$165 million because of increased sales from commercial and international markets. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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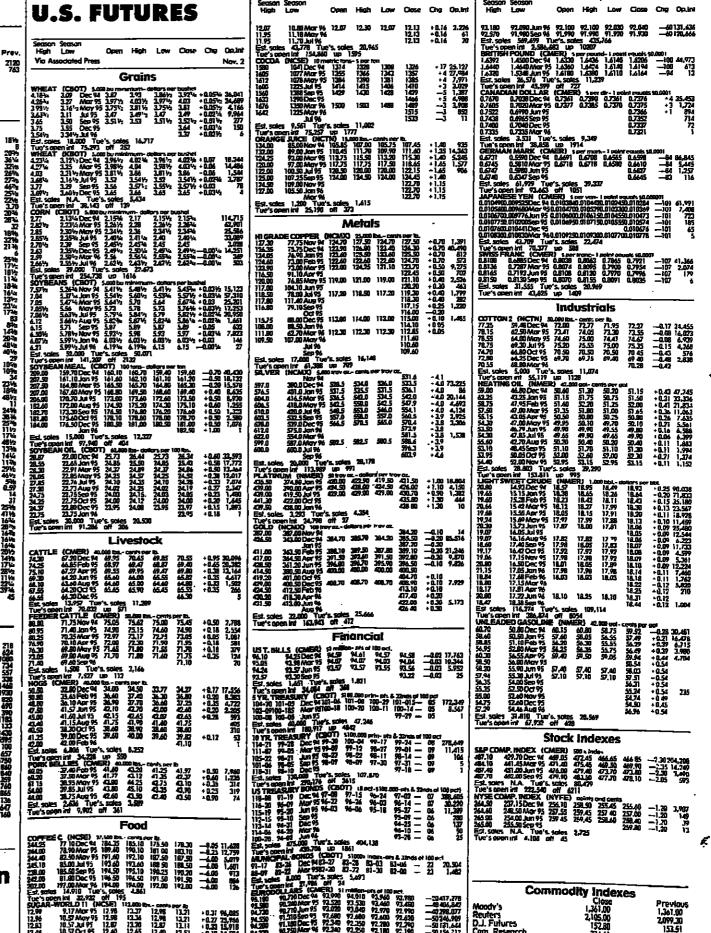
#### Elektra. Heads may soon roll at named an outside director, Atlantic's East West label, was Warner Brothers, and such Richard D. Parsons, to the new named chief of Elektra Enterpopular artists as the rock tainment this summer. group R.E.M. have threatened

spot there.



The stock markets in Sao Paulo and Singapore were closed Wednesday 

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# First-Time Job-Seekers Lift French Unemployment

PARIS - French unemployment rose to a record 3.35 million, or 12.7 percent of the work force, in September as economic recovery brought thousands of job-seekers into the labor market, official figures released

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Wednesday showed. But economists said the poor figures disguised an improving miderlying trend and that unemployment would be on a downward path ahead of the presidential election next

"It is a bit disappointing for the government. But the labor market situation does look as if it is getting better," Esther Baroudy, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais, said.

The Labor Ministry said the number of unemployed rose 13,900 in September, taking the seasonally adjusted total to 3,351,900 and beating the record set in May of 3,346,600.

The jobless rate of 12.7 percent is based on stricter International Labor Organization Literia, which exclude jobseekers who did any work at all

Tobacco Sales

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BAT's Profit

LONDON - The Brit-

ish tobacco and insurance company BAT Industries PLC said Wednesday that

profit for the third quarter

rose 21 percent, to £551 million (\$900 million),

boosted by a recovery in

"Once again the star per-

the U.S. tobacco market.

former was the U.S. domes-

tic market, where our vol-

ume, market share and

profits all grew very strong-

ly," said Sir Patrick Sheehy, the company's chairman.

The group also said it

was convinced that its

stalled bid of \$1 billion for

American Brands Inc.'s

American Tobacco opera-

tions would not be anti-

competitive as was claimed

by the U.S. Federal Trade

Commission.

during the month. It compares tried to put a positive spin on with 12.6 percent in August and the results. 12.7 percent in May.

The conservative government of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, under pressure to do something about joblessness before the presidential election.

Output Stabilizes

In West Germany

BONN - West German industrial output stabilized in September after falling sharply in August, the Economics Min-istry said Wednesday.

The ministry said output fell a preliminary 0.2 percent in September from August but added that it expected the final September data to show that the impact of renewed growth output actually rose by around 1.5 percent in September.

Economists said they were not worried by the slight fall in the September data as long as the upward revision was carried (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Labor Minister Michel Giraud said the September rise was due to an eight-year high in the number of first-time jobseekers. This offset jobs created

by economic recovery.

Despite efforts to adjust for seasonal effects, France traditionally shows a rise in unemployment in September and October as young people who have left school join the labor force.

The ministry also said the rise in unemployment principally affected women, suggesting that women who had been discouraged from seeking work by the poor economic environment were returning to the work force. Economists have long warned that the return to the

labor market of such "discouraged workers" would diminish on unemployment figures.

Mr. Giraud said the government was sticking to its forecast that unemployment would sta-

bilize at the end of the 1994 and fall in 1995. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

#### Sweden's New Budget **Calls for Higher Taxes**

new government presented a budget Wednesday calling for higher taxes and spending cuts that would cut 57.1 billion kronor (\$8 billion) from the budget deficit over the next four years.

The plan presented by Finance Minister Goeran Persson calls for 31.6 billion kronor in tax increases and 25.5 billion

kronor in spending cuts.

For the 1995 budget year, which runs from July 1, 1995, through Dec. 31, 1996, Mr. Persson called for 12.1 billion kronor in spending cuts and 17.7 billion kronor in additional taxes.

Mr. Persson said the budget would be implemented in two stages, with the higher taxes starting Jan. 1 and spending

cuts starting July 1. Financial markets showed little reaction to the plan, with the benchmark Affaersvaerlden ported.

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches index in Stockholm slipping 0.5 STOCKHOLM — Sweden's percent, to 1,868.40 points.

Peter Granqvist, an economist with Swedbank, said the proposal was slightly better than expected but that interest rates had not come down, because "there are still a lot of question marks."

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Swedish government bond rose to 11.20 percent from 11.05 percent Tuesday.

(AFP, AFX, Bloomberg) SE Banken Profit Rises

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken said lower charges for bad debts allowed it to post operating profit of 2.88 billion kronor for the first nine months of the year, up from 71 million kronor in the 1993 nine-month period. Bloomberg Business News re-

## Marks & Spencer Focuses on Spain In Expansion Bid

Richard Greenbury,

chairman of Marks & Spen-

cer, said in July that the

company would invest more

than £1 billion (\$1.6 billion)

over three years in expan-

sion in Britain and abroad.

Mr. Hayman said the

company was actively seek-

ing expansion in Spain, with

negotiations under way to

buy sites in Bilbao and Zara-

goza, among others. In Spain, Marks & Spen-

cer competes with depart-

ment stores such as El Corte

expanding faster

'Spain is

than other

countries.

Europe

Robert Hayman,

Marks & Spencer

on Calle Serrano.

Inglés and Galerias Precia-

dos, as well as with some of

the smaller clothing shops

El Corte Inglés is the larg-

But the five-floor Marks

& Spencer store on Serrano

competes by using a mixture

of what it is known for in

Britain — good value at reasonable prices — and local

Almost 90 percent of sales

come from clothing, all bearing the company's St. Michael label.

some clothes made by Corte-

fiel SA, the Spanish clothing

retailer and manufacturer.

but these still carry the St.

Cortefiel has a 20 percent

stake in Marks & Spencer's

Spanish operations. The

partnership came about be-cause the British company

believed it needed an inside

track on what seemed like an

Michael label.

exotic market.

Marks & Spencer carries

est retailer in Spain, and

many of its stores are much bigger than those of Marks

LONDON — Spanish women still fly to London to do their Christmas shopping, but Marks & Spencer underwear no longer figures prominently in their shopping list: They can find it in

Marks & Spencer PLC, the British retailer known for supplying former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with underwear, is expanding its Spanish operations in Madrid and in Valencia.

Marks & Spencer's main Madrid store is on the Calle Serrano, the Spanish equivalent of New York's Fifth Avenue. Its entire fourth floor is dedicated to underwear, which represents 24 percent of Marks & Spencer's total clothing sales.

Four and a half years ago, Marks & Spencer did not even have a store in Spain. Now it has four stores and is opening the fifth in Valencia

this month. "Spain is expanding faster than other countries starting from a lower base," said Robert Hayman, head of corporate affairs for Marks

& Spencer Europe.

Marks & Spencer is one of
the largest retailers in Britain, selling mainly clothes and food. It has 612 stores worldwide, some under different names, such as Brooks Brothers. The company employs 62,080 people.

Spain is a relatively bright spot in a far from rosy European retailing scene. The company does not break down how much each European country contributes to sales or earnings, but as a percentage of worldwide Marks & Spencer sales, Europe's contribution fell to 3.7 percent in the financial year to March 31 from 3.9 percent in the previous year.

"Europe has been in recession, and Spain has certainly been affected," Mr. Hayman said. "The U.K. had a very good year, as it was pulling out of recession

#### Russia Vows Steps to **Back Ruble**

MOSCOW - Russia's Security Council said Wednesday that the Oct. 11 "Black Tuesday" plunge in the ruble had threatened market reforms, and it vowed to take urgent measures to stabilize the currency.

A statement by President Boris N. Yeltsin's press service said the council had discussed a report by a commission investigating the crisis.

It said the ruble's drop of more than 20 percent against the dollar had been a threat to national security. The dollar rose close to 4,000 rubles but has since fallen back to 3,093

According to the statement, the currency's collapse under-mined confidence in the fledgling market, reduced the appeal of long-term capital investment and raised prices.
"The Security Council has

ordered the government to take quick and concrete steps to regulate the ruble rate and ex-change operations," it said, without giving details of specif-

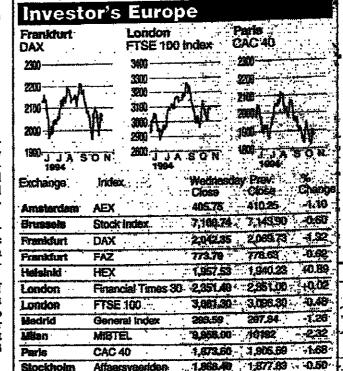
'A blow has been dealt to the reform course, social stability, the living standards of a significant part of the population and the international standing of

#### Swiss Bank Corp. Sees Lower Net

ZURICH — Swiss Bank Corp., the last of the country's big three banks to report third-quarter results, said Wednesday it expected its net profit this year to fall significantly from the record level of 1993.

Analysts were disappointed and said an expected recovery in the banking sector in the sec-30 percent for the major Swiss

Swiss Bank said operating profit in the first nine months was below year-earlier levels, but it gave no figures. It said operating results in the fourth quarter would depend greatly on international developments. quarter of 1993.



#### Very briefly:

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 Reneralt SA's privatization will start Thursday at 165 French francs (\$32) a share, Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery said, valuing the company at just under 40 billion francs.

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• Banca Commerciale Italiana SpA bought a 1.3 percent stake in Commerzbank AG, and Mediobanca SpA bought a 0.7 percent stake in the German bank, in transactions totaling 243 million Deutsche marks (\$162 million).

· Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse said its third-quarter net profit. rose to 328 million kroner (\$51 million) from 242 million kroner in the 1993 quarter, helped by a cut in loan-loss provisions.

• Banco Central Hispano posted a consolidated net profit of 32.3' billion pesetas (\$259 million) for the first nine months of the year, down 25 percent from the year-earlier period.

• PSA Pengeot Citroën SA's third-quarter sales rose nearly 13 percent, to 37.85 billion French francs (\$7 billion), led by higher.

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#### Akzo Nobel Net Rises 35%

AMSTERDAM - Akzo Nobel NV posted a 35 percent gain

ond half of the year had not materialized. They forecast a drop in profit of 15 percent to 20 percent for the major Spring or and said second-half results would be in line with expecta-

Higher sales across all divisions drove profit excluding one-time items to 322 million guilders (\$192 million) from 239 million guilders in the third

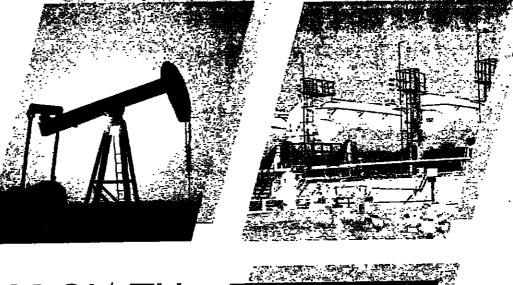
Sales rose 4.4 percent, to 5.42 billion guilders from 5.19 bil-lion guilders.

Price rises for its products were offset by higher raw material costs, and a lower dollar harmed U.S. sales results, ana-

Akzo Nobel, the Netherlands' largest chemical compa-" ny, said it still expected secondhalf earnings to be higher than last year's 460 million guilders.

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# China's Output Raises Fear of New Price Surge

BELIING - China's industrial output jumped 26.4 percent in October over the yearearlier month, indicating the economy was again gathering steam, the official China Securities newspaper reported Wednesday.

Preliminary figures released by the State Information Center showed that production reached 368 billion yuan (\$43 billion), the newspaper said. The figure for October compared with rises of 21.8 percent in September and 17.6 percent

in August.
If these figures are confirmed, they will reinforce con- Citicorp Prods Beijing cerns that Beijing's policies are failing to curb either inflation or the country's speedy growth. Output of light industries increased an estimated 29.6 percent in October, while that of

Leavy industries increased 23.4 percent, the newspaper said. China Securities said retail sales for the month would reach 143.5 billion yuan, up 36.5 percent from the same period last vear. Retail sales increased 10 percent in real terms, indicating a retail inflation rate of 26.5

Inflation remains high in coastal cities and has spread to rural and inland areas, the pa-

Japan Orders

Help Komatsu

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO — Komatsu

Ltd. said Wednesday that a

budding economic recovery

in Japan helped it offset

falling overseas sales and

post a 5 percent rise in

profit in the six months to Sept. 30.

Komatsu's current, or

pretax, profit for the period

rose to 7.37 billion ven (\$76

million), despite a 3 percent

Peng set a target of single-digit inflation and economic growth for 1994. After the first three quarters, however, the annual rates were 27.4 percent for consumer price inflation and 11.4 percent for gross domestic

product growth. China Securities said price rises were easing in some major cities, including Beijing and

Industrial output in November is expected to be 382 billion yuan, up 23 percent from last year, while retail sales will total 149 billion yuan, up 35 percent, the paper said (Bloomberg, AP)

With the global banking industry in decline, Citicorp Chairman John Reed said the American banking giant was looking to China to improve business but Beijing was not cooperating, Bloomberg Business News reported from Hong Kong.

Foreign banks have not received the green light to conduct yuan business in China, he said, primarily because Chinese officials feel that local banks are not yet ready to meet the competition.

"We're seeking, more rapidly than the government of China is willing to permit, to return fully to China," Mr. Reed said.

JAKARTA - President Suharto on

Wednesday ordered government ministers

to help curb inflation, saying it should be

kept below 10 percent for the calendar year.

Economists have warned that cement

and rice prices, and a 7.8 percent increase

in electricity rates, were pushing inflation

into double digits. Year-on-year figures released Wednesday showed the inflation rate rising to 9.21 percent from Septem-

"Inflation in October is still high, and there are only two months before the end of calendar 1994," Mr. Suharto was quoted

# India Going Electronic **Debut for Computerized Stock Market**

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NEW DELHI - According to its promoters, India's electronic National Stock Exchange will have nearly everything going for it when it starts up Thursday: speed, transparency and lower cost for investors.

Officials of the Bombay-based exchange are counting on its image of computerized efficiency to lure investors from the Bombay Stock Exchange, which over the years has built a reputation for inefficiency and price

manipulation.
"We hope to give tremendous competition to the Bombay Stock Exchange," said Ravi Narain, the national exchange's deputy man-

The National Stock Exchange was created two years ago by the Securities and Exchange Board, India's market regulator, partly in despair over loose trading practices on the Bombay exchange.

A group of financial institutions and banks

put up 250 million rupees (\$8 million) in initial capital, with working capital to come from membership and trading fees.
Initially, 200 companies' shares will be

traded, representing about 80 percent of the Bombay exchange's market capitalization of about \$120 billion. The new exchange plans to trade 500 stocks within six months.

Brokers said it would be some time before the new exchange seriously challenged Bombay's position as the premier Indian stock exchange. But they said the NSE had several advantages over its rival.
On the NSE, a central computer in Bombay

will display prices on a screen so that investors will know instantly the price at which they have bought or sold.

Investors' principal complaint about the Bombay exchange is that buy and sell quotes are not displayed for all traders to see. This, investors say, gives market-makers an oppor-tunity to manipulate prices.

Suharto Calls for Inflation Below 10%

flation below 10 percent in 1994."

below the official poverty line.

coordinate among themselves to keep in-

cations for stability in Indonesia, where

one-sixth of the 188 million people live

Indonesia's consumer price index rose 0.89 percent in October, up from rises of

0.53 percent in September and 0.59 per-

cent in October 1993, Mr. Harmoko said.

He blamed increased prices of housing, food, textile and services for the rise.

Inflation is based on the consumer price

index, calculated from prices of around

Finance Minister Mar'ie Muhammad

Inflation is a sensitive issue with impli-

"On the NSE, brokers will not have to prove their honesty, because the system is transparent," said Srinivas Subramanian, head of the brokerage firm HG Asia in India.

Gul Tekchandani, a fund manager with Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services, said investors would also find it cheaper to trade on NSE than on the Bombay exchange

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Srinivas Subramanian, head of the HG Asia brokerage firm in India

because the electronic exchange will have no market-makers taking a cut of trading profits.

The NSE also will be more accessible than the Bombay exchange, staying open five hours a day, compared with two to 2½ hours

Nevertheless, the new exchange may need to resolve a few start-up problems before it

can fulfill its promise. First, Indian law requires the settlement of stock trades by the physical delivery of securities. Until a new depository law passes the Indian Parliament — perhaps by the middle of next year — the ultramodern NSE, like its more old-fashioned competitors, will have to

handle huge mounds of paper certificates. How huge? A typical two-week trading period on the Bombay exchange can generate 150,000 trades and 60 million pieces of paper, according to Bhagirath Merchant, president of the exchange. The NSE, with its electronic system and longer hours, could generate three times that amount.

7.54 percent for industry.

its weekly review.

■ Vietnam Misses Inflation Target

## **Outlines** Thai Bank Expansion

Chartsiri Sophonpanich, 35, follows in the footsteps of his tive board chairman of Thailand's largest bank and was pres-

"This is a personal challenge for me," Mr. Chartsiri said of not a major change in direction, because all the senior manageown responsibilities. We have a strong team."

Mr. Chartsiri indicated more business outside Thainegotiating for a branch license

Bangkok Bank, founded 50 it first in Thailand and third in

The bank reported a net prof-Indonesia raised its electricity rates last month by 9 percent for households and

> Mr. Chartsiri's growth goal of 15 percent is conservative in Thailand's fast-paced economy. But he said he anticipated

government's statistics department said in make "adjustments to meet customer demand" and build The National Assembly again set single- branches outside the Thai capi-

(AFP, Bloomberg)

# **New Chief**

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Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea plans to build a \$3

Securities One Ltd., Thailand's largest brokerage firm in terms

of client transactions, said net profit for the quarter ended Sept. 30

• GVC Corp., which makes modems, raised its 1994 profit forecast

• Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., Japan's largest telecom-

munications company, has agreed to lower its requested rate increase to 16 percent from 19 percent.

China said it would launch a massive program next year to draw up an inventory of state-owned assets and re-examine state-held

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billion electronics complex near Beijing over the next 20 years.

father, Chatri, 60, who is execuident for more than a decade.

his appointment. "But this is ment will continue with their

Vichit Suraphongchai, 45, the previous president, announced in March that he was resigning "for health reasons." His resignation took effect Sept. 30. Last week he was appointed minister of transport and communications.

years ago by Mr. Chartsiri's grandfather Chin, had assets at • NTT Data Communications Systems Corp., a unit of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., said it had agreed to market Microsoft Corp.'s Tiger video-on-demand system in Japan. the end of last year of 783 bil-tion baht (\$31 billion), ranking Southeast Asia.

it for the quarter ended Sept. 30 of 4.36 billion baht, an increase of 31 percent from a year earli-For the first nine months of the year, the bank's net profit was 12.7 billion baht, an in-Vietnam said it had failed in its effort to crease of 23 percent.

keep price rises to single figures for 1994, reporting 11.3 percent inflation for the first 10 months, Reuters reported from Hanoi. A big increase in food costs, apparently due to higher rice prices caused by floods in the Mekong Delta and market fluctua-

tions, fueled the retail price increase, the Bangkok Bank would have to

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches BANGKOK - The newly appointed president of Bangkok Bank Ltd. outlined Wednesday a modest policy of continued expansion for Thailand's largest commercial bank. aiming for annual growth of 15 percent

Bangkok Bank would seek land, adding that it was already in Manila and considering establishing operations in China.

banking would soon become more competitive in Thailand.

digit inflation as the target when it fixed tal, he said. economic goals for 1995 on Tuesday.

#### said that after the meeting with Mr. Su-harto, he was convinced that inflation in slump in sales, to 235.45 by Information Minister Harmoko as saybillion yen. 1994 would be below 10 percent. ing. "All ministers must pay attention and

ber's 8.89 percent.

Continued from Page 11 building the World Wide Web becoming easy to configure and banks working in a competitive into a global information re-

source.

"The emergence of Mosaic at Digital Equipment Corp.
and the World Wide Web is the "And a Web browser like Momost exciting computing development in a decade," said Dale formation access tool of Dougherty, publisher of the choice." Global Network Navigator.

Network statistics would seem to bear that out. While the Internet has millions of users and is believed to be doubling in size every year, the World Wide Web is doubling every few months — in terms of the number of new databases being registered and the flow of data traffic in and out of them.

There are already nearly 10,000 so-called Web server computers reachable via the Internet. A year ago there were

fewer than 500. The World Wide Web was conceived in 1989 at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics in Geneva. The creators set up the Web as a way to distribute and peruse document-based information among high-energy physicists around the world.

The Web did not go into overdrive until the development a few years later of Mosaic. navigational software that takes specific advantage of the Web's coding system.

Mosaic was developed by team of young programmers at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois.

In keeping with the philosophy of openness on the global computer network, Mosaic's developers began distributing free copies to noncommercial users over the internet.

Several of the original developers of Mosaic left the university to join with Jim Clark, a founder of Silicon Graphics, in creating versions of the software for commercial users. Mr. Clark's company, Mosaic Communications, sells so-called server versions of the software for \$5,000 but gives the individual-user version away.

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# INTERNET: Turn to Home Page VIETNAM: Cultural Differences

200 commodities in 27 cities.

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set up," said Russ Jones, who Another is paying commissions, a widespread practice in Vietnam that is not considered saic is really becoming the incorrupt here but is not tolerated

The number of individual add a couple of chapters to our web users, and developers, is handbook," said Susanne expected to grow quickly in the Kerkvliet, office administrator next year. The makers of the major personal computer operating systems, including Microsoft Windows, Apple Macin-tosh and IBM OS/2, have here."

Internet and a browser program -Mosaic or one of its clones for navigating the Web. mamese regard corporate identi-ty as a novel concept. Except in and other big software compa-nies are planning to include a such as Vietnam Airlines, loyalnies are planning to include a hypertext language in new ver-sions of their popular wordprocessing programs that will enable users to easily create

"The servers themselves are environment.

> by most Western companies. We found that we had to at ING in Vietnam. "It raised a few eyebrows back in Holland, but it is necessary to introduce

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Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1994.

Barry R. J. Bateman, Charles T. M. Collis, Sir Charles A. Fraser, Jean Hamilius and H.F.

5. Election of six (6) Directors, specifically the re-election of Messrs. Edward C. Johnson 3rd,

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6. Election of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg.

7. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

specifically, but without limitation, for the following purposes:

1. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors.

4. Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor.

van den Hoven, being all of the present Directors

represented in order for a quorum to be present.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dated: 24th October 1994

Presentation of the Report of the Auditor.

lems may arise when the expatriate manager leaves, or when the operation expands rapidly which is what most companies

experience.
"I find that I have to use all of my managerial skills," said Maureen Flanagan, who represents Unisys Corp. in Vietnam and has five Vietnamese and three expatriate employees. "The most important is to encourage people a lot and use humor to resolve conflict. Jokes work. It means that my staff can yell at me, too."

Vu Minh Tuan, 25, a sales representative for Unisys, says he appreciates the freedom that comes with a job in an American company: "In Vietnam, everybody suffers from the person above you in the hierarchy. Your main aim is to avoid trouble. Now, I sometimes can make decisions. It brings greater freedom and as well as greater responsibilities."

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Communanté Economique Européenne ou par un des organismes internationaux à caractère public dont font partie un ou plusieurs Etata Membres de la Communauté Econon Européenne. Modification de l'article 23 des statuts pour pouvoir répartir la

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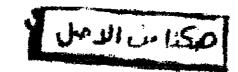
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# **SPORTS**

# Without Hockey, a Long Winter of Discontent Looms for Canadians

By Joe Lapointe
New York Times Service

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - In conversations about hockey, the passion for the sport among Western Canadians doesn't stop with words. David Maynard, an 18-year-old from Manitoba, recently introduced himself to a group of people in

the club car of a westbound train by pulling up his shirt to reveal a red tattoo near his heart. It was the C-H logo of the Montreal Canadiens.

"It's a thing in my family, we've all got one," said Maynard. "My dad has one. My uncles have one. My brother has one. It's something we do on our

In his hometown of St. Malo, a small French-Canadian community, Maynard said, there are "two important things in town, the hockey rink and the Catholic church." Asked about the lockout that has shut down the National Hockey League season, Maynard replied: "Put it this way: They took away

Unlike many American hockey fans, people here tend to support the team owners in the conflict over wages — by a margin of about 2-to-1 in Canada, according to polls. They believe that Canadian franchises, particularly in the West, have real financial problems, and that failure to address them will lead to the teams' moving elsewhere. Many also seemed exasperated by arguments about salary and prices. "Salaries are outrageous," said Erin Murray, a

young physiotherapist from Winnipeg. "Aren't six Like others, she believes there is a direct relation-

ship between wages and ticket prices.
"A salary cap is understandable," she said, "just so that the everyday Canadian can actually go to a

hockey game." Over all, the fans seemed to be taking the NHL shutdown with grim patience as October came to a close and the final leaves fell from the trees. But one young photographer said a mood change was near.
"Wait until the the snow falls and the weather gets

In Winnipeg, a prairie city of the wheat belt, they staged a sophisticated version of a barn-raising last week to support the construction of a new, bigleague hockey arena. Without one, Winnipeggers and Manitobans fear they will lose their NHL Iranchise, the Jets, to the United States, possibly to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, where suitors are wooing the owner.

About 2,000 people listened to several speakers, including Bob Silver, a manufacturer of blue jeans, in the ballroom of a downtown hotel. Silver acknowledged Minnesota's threat to take his team from his home and native land.

"Well, they just might," Silver said, his voice rising with emotion, "but not without a fight. We're bar to discuss the economic and social impact of the bigger than Minnesota, we're better than Minnesota and we can make it work!"

Later, he said Western Canadians were siding with the team owners in the NHL dispute because little support for either management or labor. they hope wage control will keep the business alive in smaller markets.

"It's an endorsement not only of Winnipeg, but of all the smaller communities, the ones that need the revenue-sharing," Silver said, "Without that, we don't exist, especially cities like this and Calgary, where hockey comes from. We are fanatic about importing them all from Russia."

In Calgary, a long block of Eleventh Avenue downtown is better known as "Electric Avenue" because it is the brightly lit center of night life. But on one recent evening, despite clear, crisp weather, there were few live wires sparking the sidewalks, few patrons in the clubs and bars. Part of the blame, especially at "Stinky's Sports Bar &

Grill," was being put on the lockout that has idled

the hometown Flames. When the NHL is playing its regular schedule. Angeles and Mark Messier to New York.

cold and they're trapped in their houses," he said. Stinky's does big business, even on weeknights, "Cabin fever will begin to set in. Then, look out." because it pulls in telecasts of games from out of town through six satellite feeds spread out among 25

> But on this night, the only events being shown were a tape of the Canada Cup Hockey tournament from 1987 and a tape of the Knicks playing Houston in last June's National Basketball Association finals. Rob Gradishar, a part-owner of Stinky's, had a frown on his face when he came out from behind the

'Put it this way: They took away my religion.

David Maynard, Canadian hockey fan

shutdown. Scattered around him were about two dozen customers in an establishment that seats 100 people and accommodates many more standees. He expr

"I hope they both die of hunger," he said. "Isn't there more than enough money for everybody?"

In Edmonton, even during the lockout, there is plenty of activity inside Northlands Coliseum, home of the Oilers. Midway through an afternoon last week, the air was filled with construction dust and hockey. If we lose it here, we might as well be the banging sounds of carpentry from dozens of workers wearing hard hats.

With October games canceled and November games slipping away, the construction schedule at Northlands has been accelerated. They are installing 35 new luxury suites, which will be sold and controlled by Peter Pocklington, owner of the Oilers. One of the stated reasons for the lockout is to retard the growth of salaries so that owners such as Pocklington can stay in business in places such as Edmonton. In recent years, Pocklington accepted large sums of

money in deals that sent players like Gretzky to Los

Last season, when Pocklington threatened to sell his team and let it move to the United States, he forced the committee that runs Northlands to give him a new lease with much more favorable terms.

With salary controls a possibility and luxury boxes a reality, Pocklington's Oilers could soon generate a large amount of revenue for their owner. These circumstances draw mixed reactions from their loyal fans, who know the history here.

"It's almost like the owners are Chicken Little." said Dean Wetzel, who works as a resource management planner for the Alberta government. "Instead of crying out that the sky is falling, they run around saying: Tve been driven into poverty! I've been driven into poverty! I've been driven into poverty!"

When Arthur Griffiths left Vancouver for a vacation in Hawaii, he said he was a dove on the lockout. But when he returned last week, the young owner of the Canucks said his position had changed "to more of a hawk."

His change of heart, he said, was caused by the Players Association's refusal to believe that the owners are having financial problems. Despite reaching the Stanley Cup finals last season, the team barely made money, Griffiths said.

"We made \$800,000 net profit on a \$50 million business," he said. "We took in \$9.3 million in the playoffs. It got our bacon out of the fire. The numbers are there despite what the union might

want to let you think." The Canucks raised their admission prices by 45 percent this summer. They lost 1,000 season-ticketh-olders this summer and gained back only 850 when they raised their admission prices. Single seats cost up to \$59. Seven years ago, he said, his payroll was \$8 million. This season, he said, it will be \$26

So if the hockey business is so bad, why is Griffiths buying up the public stock in his team, increasing his share from 51 percent to 87 percent?

"Economies of scale," he said. Griffiths also is the principal owner of the Vancouver Grizzlies, who begin play in the National Basketball Association

next season. Both the Canucks and the Grizzlies will play in Griffiths's new arena, under construction near the waterfront in this stunningly beautiful city on the Pacific rim. The arena will have 88 luxury boxes that

are already all sold out for hockey at up to \$130,000 DET SEASON. A few miles away, at the Britannia Arena in a working-class section of town, hockey economics are a little different for the guys who gather for the pickup game at noon every Friday. They pool their

money to rent an hour of ice. "It's \$3.25 each and goalies play for free," explained Tommy Ho, a center, who had finished another pickup game at another arena around midnight the night before. He pays for his ice time by working at yet another arena, sharpening skates.

Ho sat on a bench, taping up his stick and chatting about the postponed NHL season. Across from him, lacing up his skates, was Gavin Yee, who wore a Philadelphia Flyers style uniform and said the lockout forced him to cancel his yearly vacation to Philadelphia, where he goes to games at the Spectrum. Down the bench from him was Bob Kraljii, a furniture mover who tried to explain why guys around here will pay to play hockey in the middle of the day or night.

'Obviously, I could do other things for the exercise," Kraljii said. "Hockey requires a bit of planning and patience and sacrifice. It puts strings on your relationships with your girlfriend and your job."

"But there's something about when winter comes along in Canada," he added. "The culture dictates it. It's a freedom thing. Out there, on the ice, you are flying! You can be a kid again. They could tow my car away and I wouldn't get off the ice to stop them. I'm 30 years old and I get out there on that ice and play hockey and I forget all my troubles. You get back to the essence of youth."

## His Number Is Up, **But Not His Time**

New York Times Service CHICAGO - Michael Jordan did not want to say goodbye, because he's hoping to meet this city's sports fans again. At Comiskey Park.

"In basketball, I fulfilled my dream," Jordan said after the Chicago Bulls retired his uniform jersey No. 23 here on Tuesday night at the new United Center. "My dream now is to play in the major leagues."

The programmed two-hour show - short on passion, long on glitz --- was telecast live. Guests playfully urged the former Bulls great to rejoin the team that won three successive National Basketball Association championships, a run that ended with Jordan's sudden retirement before last season. Jordan, who took time out from playing winter baseball in

Scottsdale, Arizona, wouldn't bite. "Hopefully, with that jersey hanging up there, it will put these things to rest," he said.

Tuesday night's program, aside from serving to retire Jordan's number, benefited the Chicago Boys and Girls Club charity that Jordan set up in memory of his father, James, who was murdered in 1993. Tickets were \$50, \$75 and \$100, and roughly 20,000 were sold. The fans gave Jordan several long standing ovations. "I think they were actually trying to make me cry," he said.

"I didn't want to cry. I got emotional a little bit." Jordan's mother, Deloris Jordan, attended, as did his wife,

Juanita, the couple's three children and many of Jordan's former teammates, like Scottie Pippen and John Paxson. Conspicuously absent from Jordan's Bulls were Horace Grant and Bill Cartwright, now with Orlando and Seattle.

The Knicks' Patrick Ewing, who shares the agent David

Falk with Jordan, attended, as did the former NBA greats Julius Erving, Oscar Robertson, George Mikan, Bob Cousy and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Charles Barkley sent videotaped greetings. Jordan said that if he had one regret, it was that his night

could not be held next door, at condemned Chicago Stadium, where he played his entire nine-year career. "The new building is over here, but Michael Jordan's

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Michael Jordan dwarfed by a statue of himself at a ceremony during which his Bulls jersey was retired.

## NHL Managers Weigh Canceling Season

TORONTO - National Hockey League general managers discussed cutting the season in half or canceling it altogether

not solved by New Year's Day, The Canadian Press.reported. "They told us basically to do our math and figure out when the season might be canceled,"

one general manager, who asked not to be identified, told

ning Jan. 1 as the minimum for a legitimate season.

hockey operations, Brian Burke, said. told ESPN Radio that he reresumed by early January.

cannot justify playing a 30- to 35-game schedule.

the news agency.

When asked what constituted progress was reported after the Although no decisions were a meaningful schedule, Burke most recent meeting in Wash-When asked what constituted made during a conference call said 40 to 42 games, and he said Tuesday, the wire service report- there was a legitimate danger of ed that management was zeroing passing the point of no return in in on a 40-game season begin- January.

"There's a very real, substantial, significant risk that we're The NHL vice president of not going to have hockey." he

Officially, the league has canif the league's labor troubles are mained optimistic that a settle- celed only four games per team. ment could be reached, but It is expected to trim at least 10 warned that the season must be more games from the original 84-game schedule this week.

"We will not play a meaning-less schedule," Burke said. "I Gary Bettman, and the union head. Bob Goodenow, have met only twice in three weeks. No progress was reported after the ington on Monday, and no more talks are scheduled,

Goodenow was planning to meet with 200 players on

Wednesday at a Toronto hotel to update them on the monthold lockout and discuss other financial matters relating to their lack of employment.

Owners originally delayed the start of the season for two weeks in order to allow time to work out a collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expired Sept. 15, 1993.

That delay has stretched into its second month — the longest labor disruption in NHL history — with 175 games lost through Tuesday. Eight more were scheduled for Wednesday.

# 4 Groups Bid for 2 Baseball Franchises

By Mark Maske

and Eric Lipton Washington Post Service

CHICAGO - Representatives of four would-be ownership groups from three communities seeking major-league fran-chises have made their pitches to baseball's expansion committee.

Bart Fisher, an attorney who is leading one of the two groups attempting to secure a team for Northern Virginia, created perhaps the biggest sur when he told the ninemember committee that a syndicate of black investors would be the franchise's largest shareholder if he and his partners were awarded an expansion club.

Phoenix, Arizona, and Tampa-St. Petersburg, Florida, also made presentations at an airport hotel here on Tuesday. And baseball sources continued to say that those communities were the clear favorites if baseball awarded two expansion teams.

"I think we're offering baseball a historic opportunity," Fisher said. "We think it's a home run. I think someone from our area is going to get a team. Our group is offering baseball not only the opportunity to return the national pastime to the nation's capital, but also to do it in a way that's representative of the community.

Sources close to the process said they believed the Northern Virginia group led by the telecommunications executive William Collins 3d had emerged as the area's more-attractive, stable ownership conglomerate. Collins said late Tuesday he would not consider merging his group with Fisher's. But Fisher's surprise announcement may place considerable son.

pressure on baseball, which often has been criticized for its lack of minority

No African American has served as the majority owner of a major-league franchise. The only minority-owned team is the Seattle Mariners, who were purchased by a can Americans, Comer Cottrell with the Texas Rangers and Roger Blunt with the Baltimore Orioles, are part-owners of major-league (ranchises.

"We are offering baseball the opportu-nity, for the second time this century, to address an issue that needs addressing. said Robert W. Johnson, a venture capitalist who is involved with Fisher's group. "The first time was with Jackie Robin-

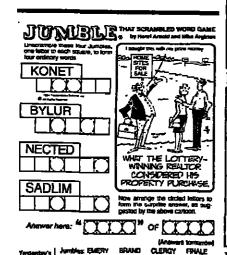
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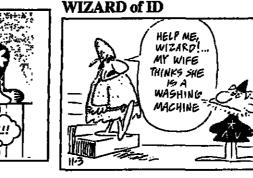
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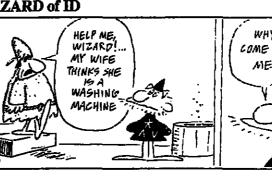
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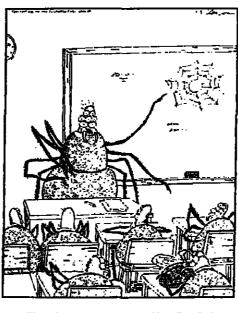
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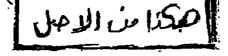
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The Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Illinois - Because National Football League club owners were unable to agree on a realignment plan, the league's commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, on Wednesday placed the Jacksonville and Carolina expansion tranchises into the NFL's current fourteam divisions.

Jacksonville will play the 1995 season in the AFC Cen-tral, with Houston, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, Carolina will play in the NFC West, with San Francisco, Atlanta, New Orleans and the Los

The league will have six divisions of five teams each. Tagliabue said the plan

would be in force for next season season only. Club owners must vote to either reaffirm it or realign the divisions. Pittsburgh's owner, Dan Rooney, had proposed that six

- Seattle, Tampa Bay, Arizona, Indianapolis, Houston and Atlanta - change divisions. But many teams balked at the loss of rivalries and, subsequently, possible revenues. Ultimately, we'd like to

move some people around --- as long as it's not us," said Minne-sota's president, Roger Headrick. "But that's the way other people feel, too, and that's why we don't get anything done."

Tagliabue appointed a 10member committee to study the issue. The committee will report at a meeting in March.

Also, a new scheduling method was enacted to make room for the two new franchises. Each of the league's 30 teams will play eight games within its division, four games against nondivision teams within its conference and four games against teams from the other

# Weah Helps Catapult PSG Into European Cup Quarterfinals Clubs to Old Divisions Weah Helps Catapult PSG Into European Cup Quarterfinals AC Milan Edges Athens on Panucci Goals

A solitary goal by Liberian striker George Weah carried Paris St.-Germain into the quarterfinals of the European Cup on Wednesday with a 1-0 victory over Dynamo Kiev of

Weah's header in the 68th minute gave PSG a maximum eight points from four games in the Champions' League Group B and guaranteed them a place in the last eight with two match-

es still to play. But the Paris team had to struggle to break down a packed and determined Kiev defense in a game almost totally dominated by the home team.

Dynamo, trying desperately to contain their French opponents, massed all their players behind the ball for much of the game and it took a little luck to break the deadlock.

Brazilian forward Rai mistimed a shot when Vincent effort looped over goalkeeper Alexander Shovkovsky and hit the post. Weah, racing in, was first to the ball as he headed in the rebound.

Bayern Munich 2, Spartak Moscow 2: Sammy Osei Kuffour, an 18-year-old defender from Ghana playing his second professional match, salvaged a draw for Bayern Munich against visiting Spartak Moscow in a Group B match.

Kuffour scored three minutes before halftime as the German struggled against the skillful

The Russians stunned Bayem with an early goal. After a Russian corner in the 4th min-ute from Valery Kechinov, Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn was slow off the line and bumped into Nikolai Pisarev while trying to punch the ball away.

over Kahn and into the net. ering from the early shock got game. on track in the 29th minute, a

perfect free-kick cross from EUROPEAN SOCCER

Christian Ziege was headed in by Christian Nerlinger to level the score,

But only three minutes later, Spartak went ahead again, Dimitri Alenichev broke past three Bayern defenders, and drove home past Kahn.

The Russians also had their problems, especially with high crosses, and Bayern used such an opportunity in the 42d minute when Brazilian star Jorginho crossed from the right, and Kuffour rose to head the ball under the bar.

Barcelona 4, Manchester United 0: In Barcelona, Bulgar- for Bucharest in the 27th minian striker Hristo Stoichkov ute and Cristovao Helder for Guerin sent him clear but his scored twice for Barcelona in a resounding defeat of Manches-

Spanish league champions took second-half goals in seven minthe initiative almost immediate- utes to earn defending champily as Dutch defender Ronald on AC Milan a victory over Koeman picked up a yellow AEK Athens and two vital card in the second minute after points in Group D standings. a stiff tackle on Manchester's

Stoichkov struck first in the gave the Italian team 3 points in ninth minute with a goal set up by Jordi Cruyff, the son of coach Johan Cruyff and a surprise starter in the match. The Brazilian World Cup the 16th minute.

hero Romário made it 2-0 in injury time in the first half 12 meters after a crossing pass from Stoickhony. Stoichkoy struck again in the 53d minute. Barcelona's defender Albert ute. Ferrer capped the scoring in the 88th minute.

found Andrei Tikhonov, whose goal by Magnus Erlingmark 85th-minute goal to draw with ma's captain-sweeper Lorenzo

essistant director of player development. Signed Gary Nickels, scoutins director, to 4-year contract extension, and Fred Unkman Jr., essistant soutins director, to 2-year contract. BOSTON—Declined to exercise their 1995 option on Domain Berryhilli, colicher. CLEVELAND—Named Clark Crist sout. KANSAS CITY—Named Mitcheli Page 1st

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shot bounced off the ground gave IFK Goteborg a 1-0 victory over Galatasaray of Tur-The Germans, slowly recov- key in a fast-moving Group A

Both teams were feiled by good saves by goalkeepers Thomas Ravelli of Goteborg and the home team's Gintaras

Galatasaray failed to convert good chances to score when the furkish squad dominated the field early in the first half and well into the second.

Hajduk Split 0, Anderlecht 0: In a Group C match in Brussels, Hajduk Split of Croatia virtually clinched a berth in the league quarterfinals by holding Anderlecht of Belgium to a goalless

Steam Bucharest 1, Benfica, 1: In a Group C match in Bucharest. Steaua played to a draw with Benfica of Portugal on goals by Basarab Panduru Benfica in the 63d.

AC Milan 2, AEK Athens 1: ter United in a Group A match. In Trieste, Italy, defender The four-time defending Christian Panucci scored two Wednesday night's victory

> four games. Midfielder Toni Savevski put the Greek team in the lead with a left drive from 12 meters in

on the neutral field of Trieste

Panucci, a member of the Italian national team, headed in when he scored head-on from the equalizer from an angled position in the 68th. Panucci scored the game winner with another header in the 75th min-

Salzburg 1: Jari Litmanen preg to punch the ball away.

IFK Goteborg 1. Galatasaray served Ajax's unbeaten run in Kahn's clearing attempt

O: In Istanbul, An 87th minute the Champions League with an



Parma's Lorenzo Minotti, left, scoring one of his two goals on Wednesday against Sweden's AIK Solna in Parma, Italy,

Casino Salzburg in a Group D game in Amsterdam.

Tomislav Kocijan headed score, Litmanen twice drew saves from Salzburg's goalie him five minutes from time with a powerful left-foot shot on the

In UEFA Cup matches on Parma 2, AIK Solna 0: Par-

Minotti scored two goals to lift the Italian league leader over Sweden's AIK Solna. The home The result virtually guarantees Ajax a quarterinal berth victory added to a 1-0 win with six points from its four scored by Parma in the first-leg game in Sweden two weeks ago.

Juventus 2, Maritimo Fun-Salzburg into the lead in the chail: In Turin, forward Fabri-63d minute. After the Salzburg zio Ravanelli scored twice as chal in a third-round match to Otto Konrad before beating advance to the next round on a 3-1 aggregate.

Odense Boldklub 0, Kaiserstern, 0: Denmark's Odense Boldklub gained the third round by holding Kaiserslau-

#### Unrest by Aston Villa Fans May Bring UEFA Penalty

BIRMINGHAM, England - Aston Villa is facing a heavy penalty by UEFA after a handful of fans invaded the pitch following the English soccer team's surprise elimination from the UEFA Cup by Trabzonspor of Turkey on Tuesday. Several fans ran onto the pitch and tried to attack rival supporters who were celebrating the Turkish club's advanced

to the third round for the first time.

Villa was fined £12,000 (\$19,500) and received a stern warning from UEFA after a first-round victory over Inter Milan, when celebrations extended onto the pitch.

# For South African Marathoner, a Run From 'Zero to Hero'

By Jere Longman

New York Times Service NEW YORK -- This is how Willie Mtolo's life has changed since he won the 1992 New York City Marathon: He was voted South Africa's sports-Six months was one of two athletes invited to the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela. On Sunday, he will run New York again for victory, but at home he runs often for peace and unity.

He organizes charity runs for peace in the townships where blacks were restricted under the racial policies of apartheid, running with a white flag, encouraging whites to enter black neighborhoods, urging people to come together now that law no longer keeps them apart.

More than 150 runners have joined the Willie Mtolo Athletic Club. Apartheid is gone, but inequality in

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West Ham 14, Queen's Park Ronsers 13, Shef-field Wednasday 13, Crystal Palace 13, Wim-histon 12, Astan Villa 16, Ipswich 16, Leicester 8, Exerting 18

situated in white neighborhoods, so Mtolo is working to bring his sport to blacks, organizing races, measuring the correct distances on dirt tracks, providing incentives for kids to run program, he calls it.

There is much work to be done. In all of black South Africa, there is only one all-weather running track. It is in Soweto and was built with church money, not for running, but for wheelchair races for the disabled. In another Soweto neighborhood, a cement velodrome sits unused, a well-intended waste because most people cannot afford bicycles.

Slowly, things are changing in the newly democratic South Africa. A new track stadium has been planned for Soweto. And role models like Mtolo are planting the seeds of hope

sports remains. The best facilities are for what some believe could be as have been impossible under the fertile a running harvest as was pro- Group Areas Act that once separated

> "He has rolled his sleeves up and Tuesday. "Few athletes do that."

Two years ago, South Africa had just been readmitted to the Olympic embrace after 32 years of banishment. Mtolo, 30, was the first South African to officially enter the New York City Marathon. His victory changed many lives, including his own.
With the \$20,000 in prize money, a

\$30,000 bonus for running under 2 hours, 10 minutes (2:09:29) and the Mercedes-Benz he won in New York, Mtolo has bought a house in the Pinetown section of Durban, a port city on the Indian Ocean. He lives near De Vries, something that would

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the races under apartheid.

Two brothers and sisters live with gotten his hands dirty, trying to help him, and for his sisters he provides airplane. In South Africa, she lives in money for school and clothing. He a remote village without electricity or Vries, who is Mtolo's agent, said has also purchased a 300-acre (120- running water. In New York, she has hectare) farm, and a tractor for the two-acre spread where his mother grows corn and potatoes in the vil-

lage of Kilmon.

"The victory was a good thing for South Africa," Mtolo said. "People needed a hero."
He is dedicating this year's mara-

thon to Fred Lebow, the race director who died of brain cancer last month. Lebow brought Mtolo to New York as a spectator in 1991. A year later, it was Mtolo who held the tape when Lebow crossed the finish line when he ran his own marathon.

This year, Mtolo will have as a

personal cheerleader his own mother, Bagchili Mtolo, who has never seen him run. This is her first trip out of South Africa, her first ride in an taken her first ride on an elevator and an escalator.

For the next five days, he is concentrating on running. He has not won a major marathon since New York. Last year, he overtrained and ran without distinction. This year, he finished second to Vincent Rousseau of Belgium in the Rotterdam Marathon, running 2:10:17, his fastest time since winning in New York.

His mother will be waiting at the finish line, "I'm very excited with my mother here," Mtolo said. "If she sees me hit the tape, I think she will

PHOENIX—Waived Majcoim Mackey, forward, and Anthony Goldwire and Winston Garland, guards.

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#### SIDELINES

#### Indian Record-Holder Ouits Cricket

NEW DELHI (Combined Dispatches) — Kapil Dev. test cricket's highest wicket-taker, announced his retirement from the game on Wednesday.

Kapil, 35, took a world-record 434 wickets in 131 tests with his fast-medium outswing since his Test debut on Oct. 16, 1978 against Pakistan. He is the only man in test cricket to have scored over 5,000 runs and taken more than 400 wickets.

He became the too test wicket-taker when he broke Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431 test wickets during a test match against Sri Lanka earlier this year in India. Kapil Dev has played 131 tests and 224 one-day internationals. He said he would begin a new career as a television commentator. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

#### A Top Cuban Boxer Defects to U.S.

MIAMI (AP) - A top member of the Cuban national boxing team and one of the best amateurs in the world in his weight division took advantage of a one-night stopover to defect with the help of a former teammate who defected last year.

"I really didn't have a detailed plan in mind." Diobelys Hurtado Pimentel, 22, said. "I figured I was in Miami, a place with a lot of Cubans who would welcome me. I didn't know if I'd have

the opportunity again." With his teammates, Hurtado had been heading back to Cuba after a 10-2 victory over the United States in a dual meet in Connecticut. He said he managed to slip out of the team's Miami hotel early Monday. He checked into another hotel and, at 3 A.M.: phoned the only person he knew in the area, a former teammate, Giorbis Barthelemy, who defected last year. Hurtado is considered one of the top amateurs in the world in the 132-pound (60-kilogram) division, according to USA Boxing. In Cuba, he is

#### **NBA Teams in Japan for Openers**

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers and the Los Angeles Clippers arrived here Wednesday to prepare for their National Basketball Association season-opening games in Japan this weekend.

The two teams will open the 1994-95 season with games at Yokohama Arena on Saturday and Sunday. The games mark the third time NBA openers have been played in Japan. The first were played in 1990 between the Phoenix Suns and Utah Jazz.

The contests also will mark the NBA debut of Portland's coach P. J. Carlesimo, who is switching to the Blazers' helm after 12 seasons as head coach of the Seton Hall college team.

#### For the Record

ranked No. 1 in his weight class.

The San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday suspended Dennis Rodman without pay for the first three games of the National Basketball Association season because of his recent behavior. The team originally had announced an indefinite suspension against Rodman following an outburst in a preseason game Monday with the Charlotte Homets.

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#### The Pope's Book Tour

WASHINGTON — The Pope has written a new book, and the publishers have clinic and an atheist who was a child. "Vanity Fair would like to do high hopes for it. That's why a team of American publicists went over to see him to discuss his book tour.

The conversation went something like this:
"Good news, Your Holiness,

Barbara Walters has agreed to put you on her show. The bad news is that Barbara said if you do it you can't go on Diane Sawyer

Connie Chung. It was a close call, but Barbara's put-

ting you on Buchwald with Prince Charles and Alan Dershowitz, and we figure that she should have an 80 share of the audience. Larry King is dying to get you but can't give us a firm 'yes' because he still hasn't heard from Ross Perot and Mrs. Huff-

"We told Larry that we can't hold off any longer because we are being pressured by the 'Hard Copy' people, who say that this is the first time they have agreed to do a straight interview with a high official of the Catholic Church.

"Now, Your Holiness, here's your book schedule. We want you to visit major cities such as Billings, Montana; Portland. Maine; Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Fairbanks, Alaska. These are towns that specifically asked for you, and I believe that we can move an average of 150 books in each city, depending on how fast

you sign them, of course. "From Fairbanks Your Holiness will return to New York where we have you booked on 'Donahue' people have a good lineup. On the panel with you will be a defrocked priest who now works in a birth control trip to the United States.

'Vanity Fair would like to do profile on you, and there is still interest at Rolling Stone if they can find a rock angle in the book. People magazine plans to photograph you, but they don't want the usual St. Peter's Square shots that the public has seen so many times. They'd like to go into your private apartments and show how you relax when you're not writing encyclicals. We assured People that

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from your book. They haven't

done anything like this before --

in show. Your Holiness, before

you say, 'Who is Mary Leather-

not even for Billy Graham. "Back to New York again for an in-depth interview with Geraldo Rivera and a book-signing on Fifth Avenue at Barnes and Noble. We're running a quarter-page ad for that one, and they promise to put your book in the window next to a new

study on Prozac. "That seems to be it, Your Holiness. We're very excited about your tour, and with a the Phil Donahue show. The little elbow grease from you we'll make the best-seller list." It was at this moment that the Pope decided to cancel his

World War II.) These nationalists there was little political momentum Among the books at issue don't see why they should return the OSCOW - Fifty years after M Russia and Germany savaged rare spoils of a war that did so much damage to Russia.

"You have to remember Russia won this war," said Viktor Niziano, director of the Center of Contemporary Arts, in Moscow. "We were the victors. Let us also remember that we did not start this war. Germany did. Of course, all the works should be open and available to scholars. But if the Russian Parliament were to decide that it was not in the interest of this nation to return these books, I For Russia, however, the legacy could hardly condemn that deci-

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The issue has gained political significance far beyond the value of the 10 million books.

By Michael Specter

New York Times Service

each other's cultural heritage in

World War II, Russia has yet to re-

turn most of the millions of books

that it stole from Germany at the end

Germany destroyed nearly 200

million Russian books in the war;

but it long ago returned most of the

books it had left and has sent mil-

lions of dollars to Russia in partial

"This is Germany's culture, not

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long in Russia. They and some schol-

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returned Italian masterpieces pil-fered during the time of Napoléon.

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um in St. Petersburg returned more

than 70 French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings taken

from private German collections in

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compensation.

dent on German aid and two former wartime enemies but beinvestment, the question of returntween factions in Russia: nationalising the stolen books has taken on tic politicians who see keeping the political significance far beyond their considerable worth. books as an easy rallying point and librarians willing to trade the old books for new ones more likely to

appeal to a younger generation of ours," said Yevgeni Kuzmin, director of the department of libraries for the Russian Ministry of Culture. Russian readers. President Boris Yeltsin, like his "They have an absolute right to predecessor, Mikhail Gorbachev, their own books. World War II endsays that what belongs to Germany ed 50 years ago, and the Cold War ought to be returned. In 1991, Russia and Germany signed a treaty that said in part: "Concern about the cul-tural values of the other side and ended almost 10 years ago. We have to decide: Are we going to spend the rest of time remembering that once their preservation is a natural reflecthe Germans were our enemies, or tion of the new reciprocal relationare we ready to start thinking about what we can accomplish as friends?" ship between Germany and Russia." But three years after a joint commission on restitution was established, For some Russians, it is still a difficult question. Many jingoist pol-iticians insist that after 50 years and nobody has figured out a way to do

"The return of cultural treasures that came to the Soviet Union after World War II should be based solely on Russian and international law, Sergei Filatov, Yeltsin's chief of staff has told the newspaper Rossiskiye Vesti. "We cannot just keep everything in compensation for the appalling human losses."

Filatov conceded, however, that think there can be any question that

toward finding a quick solution to the problem, although Germany has offered to replace the books with tens of thousands of new publications that Russian librarians say would be far more useful to the average reader. Parliamentary action will be required to resolve the dispute.

War Spoils: Will Russia Return German Books?

The technical and legal obstacles to the return are daunting. Immediately after World War II, the Red Army dragged millions of books, including entire libraries from many German cities, to Russia. More than half of them, 5 million according to current estimates, ended up either in Moscow or in St. Petersburg, where many remain today. It is not always clear who owned the books in the first place and therefore to whom they should be returned.

Millions of the books were sent to Soviet libraries across the country, The Lenin Library in Moscow received 760,000 books (of which more than 600,000 remain) and Moscow State University also received an enormous quantity.

Some of the books, a Gutenberg Bible and several medieval manuscripts, for example, are of great value. But outstanding collections taken from Germany are stored in libraries throughout the country. Even Russian librarians eager to return the books say they do not have the time, money, or personnel to rifle through stacks looking for the tens of thousands of books that have been stolen. And they note that Russian intellectuals were deeply devoted to foreign literature before the revolution and not every important German book in the country was stolen.

"We are not even concerned with books from the 18th or 19th centuries," said Klaus Dieter Leman, general director of the German National Library in Frankfurt. "What we want are the main collections of libraries from the early 16th and 17th centuries. This is the central heritage of our country and it is sitting in Russia. I understand the political nature of the problem. And I know it will take some time to sort out. But I don't is a Gutenberg bible similar to this one.

those books are the books of our nation. They aren't even used in Rus-

Preying on the acute financial crisis facing most Russian libraries, many rare-book dealers from Germany and other countries have simply descended on libraries offering age sums for large collections.

"You have to understand the pressures," said one American librarian familiar with the issue. "You run a provincial library and you haven't been able to buy 10 new books in the last two years. People are dying to use the libraries and your books are falling apart. Suddenly somebody comes in and offers you \$1,000 or more for 50 books that nobody in

your town can even read. What do you do?"

Kuzmin, too, said he had heard reports of book dealers buying entire collections from libraries but said it was illegal and that anyone caught would be vigorously prose-

"We have a population desperate for good books," Kuzmin said. "And the Germans are eager to help us buy them. We are literally preventing our youngsters from getting their hands on literature, especially foreign literature. To me that is far more painful than the thought of returning admittedly beautiful treasures that were never ours to begin

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HIS Highness in the 'Hood: Prince Charles has come to south-central Los Angeles. making teenage girls scream as if he were a rock star. "He touched my hand, he touched my hand!" shrieked one young woman. "He touched my hair!" Traveling in a motorcade of Jaguars, Charles's first stop was an inner-city school, where he dedicated a learning center. On a long day that ended with the Hollywood premiere of "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein," public sentiment for the scandal-plagued prince ran high on the adoration side. Meanwhile, back in London. Zoe Sallis responded to a refer-

biography of Charles. "We had a great, deep friendship, nothing more," Today newspaper quoted her as saying.

A federal judge in Los Angeles stopped the auction of six diaries written by Barbra Streisand in the 1960s. Streisand's lawyer would not say who owned the diaries last. but her spokesman. Martin Erlichman.



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Sid Vicious, the icon of Britain's punk ra, who died of a heroin overdose at age 21, never played a note for the Sex Pistols ause he was such a bad guitarist, the

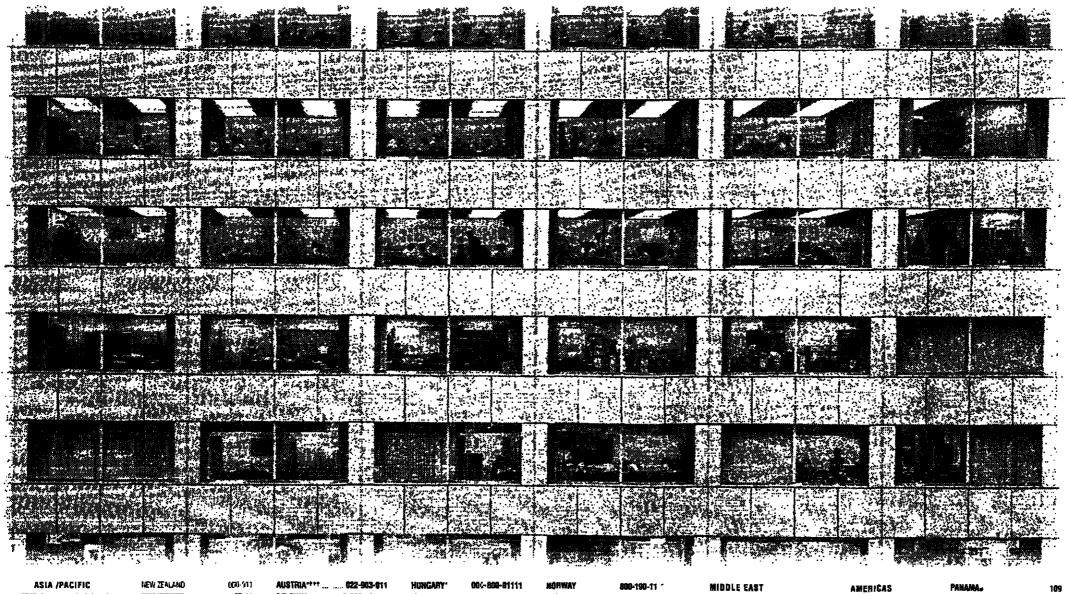
group's manager, Malcolm McLaren, says. At Sex Pistols concerts in the 1970s, Vicious would perform with the amplifier turned off, although no one dared tell him because of his reputation for violence. McLaren said. "Sid was a ten." ble musician, but he was a great singer," he said. Vicious was found dead in a New York apartment in 1979.

A jury in San Francisco cleared the New Yorker writer Janet Malcolm of libel charges on Wednesday, rejecting claims by a psychoanalyst who accused her of making up quotes attributed to him. The jury found that two of the five quotes challenged by Jeffrey

Masson were false but that Masson had failed to prove that Malcolm deliberately falsified the statements. A jury deadlocked last year in the first trial of the decade-old case. Malcolm's unflattering 1982 article focused on Masson's firing as projects director of the Sigmund Freud

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